REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN OF EASTON,

ON THE

FINANCIAL CONCERNS

OF THE TOWN,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

1845 - 1846

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REPORT.

A Statement of the amount received into the Treasury since March 4th, 1845 to March 5th, 1846.

Balance remaining in Treasury, March 4, 1845,	$882.97
Cash received from Town of Norton, for support of pauper,	24.34
Cash received on loan, from Reuben Harlow,	100.00
" " on loan, from John Kimball,	200.00
By Assessors' return of Taxes for the year 1845,	3905.30
By cash received from State Treasury for Brigade Band,	123.00
	$5235.61

A Statement of the amount of Bills and Notes against the Town which have been paid during the year commencing March 4th, 1845, and ending March 5th, 1846.

Paid I. R. Butts, for printing School Reports,	$15.00
" Dr. Samuel Deans, for making School Reports, &c.,	6.00
" Barzillai Dean, for repairing Bridge,	2.00
" John Selee, for clearing road of snow,	4.17
" Bezer Ripley, cash, &c., of town,	9.30
" Tisdale Harlow, clearing road of snow,	6.50
" Bernard Alger, for wood to widow H. Alger,	13.81
" Hiram Keith, clearing road of snow,	1.50

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Paid	Edwin Howard, plank for bridge,	4.41
"	Thomas Newcomb & Co., supplies to pauper,	1.58
"	B. C. Dunbar, clearing road of snow,	2.88
"	Zeno Buck, " " "	8.00
"	Seba Howard, " " "	4.50
"	Joseph A. Randall, for support of Caleb Lunnon,	15.00
"	Isaac Fobes, for services in case of H. Lothrop *vs.* E. Keith,	2.38
"	Joel Sampson, salary as Superintendant of Alms House, for year ending April 6th, 1845,	200.00
"	Daniel B. Wheaton, a remittance on Tax,	7.50
"	William Reed, Collector, remittances on Taxes of 1844,	31.14
"	Zeno Buck, for building road,	116.65
"	balance on School orders of 1845,	530.17
"	Charles E. Keith, note and interest,	164.23
"	Tisdale Harlow, " "	108.72
"	Dwelly Goward, " "	[illegible]
"	[illegible], " "	216.60
"	Isaac Lothrop, " "	117.75
"	on School orders of 1846, in part,	905.30
"	H. W. B. Wightman, for postage,	2.09
"	Elijah Lincoln, digging grave, G. Quinly's wife,	1.00
"	Jacob N. Lincoln, do. do. E. Shaw,	1.50
"	——— Caswell, do. do. J. White's child,	67
"	Albert A. Roach, for deed to B. Ripley,	1.00
"	B. C. Dunbar, for coffin, E. Shaw,	4.00
"	Josiah White, for support of B. Downing,	6.00
"	Samuel Phillips, " of S. Phillips, Jr.,	10.00
"	Joel Sampson, for use of Town Farm,	100.00
"	Tisdale Harlow, Collector Tax for School District, No. 9,	11.51
"	Abner Drake, Jr., for Brigade Band,	123.00
"	Dr. Samuel Deans, medical aid to paupers,	20.72
"	R. S. S. Andros, for County Tax,	497.15
"	Peleg West, for work done on road,	5.52

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Paid	John Kimball, note and interest,	204.30
"	Reuben Harlow, note and interest,	102.50
"	Joseph Barrett, State Tax,	112.50
"	Francis S. Monroe, for Blank Book, &c.,	2.24
"	Rev. Paul Dean, services as School Committee,	20.00
"	Dr. Samuel Deans, services as School Committee,	36.90
"	Dr. Samuel Deans, for return of Births,	2.60
"	Parmenas Ames, for return of Deaths,	1.95
"	Tisdale Harlow, for recording Births, Deaths, &c.,	7.78
"	John Kimball, for merchandize,	82.88
"	Dr. Caleb Swan, for medical aid to widow H. Alger,	3.10
"	Alonzo O. Marshall's bill for clearing road of snow,	3.60
"	Oliver Ames' bill for clearing road of snow,	7.00
"	H. T. Mitchell, " " "	5.70
"	Daniel Randall, " " "	3.36
"	Oliver Belcher, " " "	21.60
"	Alson Gilmore, " " "	2.37
"	Joseph B. Lothrop, " " "	9.90
"	Edward W. Dean, " " "	17.87
"	Jonathan Pratt, " " "	7.50
"	Asa R. Howard, " " "	4.90
"	John Kimball, " " "	2.25
"	Peleg West, " " "	4.22
"	Hiram Keith, " " "	10.80
"	Robert Lunn, " " "	11.30
"	Tisdale Harlow, " " "	20.45
"	Jedediah Packard, " " "	3.90
"	Abial Edson, " " "	4.90
"	B. C. Dunbar, " " "	5.87
"	Ansel L. Randall, " " "	2.82
"	Apollos R. Lincoln, " " "	4.34
"	John Selee, " " "	6.63
"	Zeno Buck, " " "	10.20

Paid	Tisdale Harlow, Collector, remittances on Taxes of 1845,	50.98
"	Tisdale Harlow, six per cent. discount on assessment of $3905.30,	234.31
"	Galen Silvester, services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor,	35.37
"	Jonathan Pratt, services as do. do. do.	40.50
"	Moses C. Dunbar, services as do. do. do.	34.50
"	Moses C. Dunbar, for cash expenses,	2.87
"	Jonathan Pratt, for expenses at Plymouth, &c.	5.50
"	Jonathan Pratt, for wood to widow H. Alger, one year to Sept. 1st, 1846,	24.00
"	Galen Silvester, for expenses at different places,	3.48
"	A. Bassett, Esq., in case W. Bridgewater *vs.* Easton,	2.00
"	E. Anthony, for printing warrants, voters' list and report,	14.50
		$4136.27

It appears by the above statement that the Treasurer has received into the Treasury since March 4th, 1845, the sum of five thousand two hundred and thirty-five dollars and sixty-one cents, and has paid out in the same time the sum of four thousand seven hundred and thirty-six dollars and twenty-seven cents, up to March 5th, 1846, leaving a balance in the Treasury of four hundred and ninety-nine dollars and thirty-four cents. Said balance consists of cash and uncollected taxes.

Statement of Liabilities of the Town as nearly as can be ascertained, MARCH 5th, 1846.

Due on outstanding orders, to the several School Districts,	$594.70
Due Joel Sampson's salary, April 6th, 1846,	225.00
Due city of Boston, for support of pauper,	13.00
	$832.70

Uncollected Dues to the Town, MARCH 5th, 1846.

Balance due from Tisdale Harlow, Esq., Treasurer,	$484.84
Balance due on Town Farm, Ledger A.,	181.32
" due from State Treasury, for support of paupers,	22.79
" due from Town of Randolph, for do.	3.00
" due from Town of Easton, for do.	1.42
	$693.37
Balance against the Town of	139.33
	$832.70

We recommend for the Town to raise for Town expenses the current year, the sum of twelve hundred dollars.

Amount of Provisions, Hay, Stock, &c., on Town Farm, as appraised by the Selectmen, MARCH 5th, 1846.

2 Oxen,	$65.00	6 Cows and 1 Calf,	$100.00
1 Bull,	12.50	1 Horse,	70.00
3 Shoats,	27.00	25 Fowls,	6.25
7 tons English Hay,	140.00	2 1-2 tons Meadow hay,	25.00
1 1-2 do. Swale do.	22.50	3-4 do. Stalks,	11.25
50 bushels Corn,	42.50	13 bushels Rye,	13.00

11 do. Oats,	4.62	3 do. Barley,	2.55
2 1-2 do. Beans,	4.37	130 do. Potatoes,	65.00
100 lbs. dried Apples,	7.00	145 lbs. Ham,	14.50
50 lbs. braiding Straw,	3.00	58 lbs. Candles,	5.80
6 1-2 bbls. Cider,	13.00	5 bbls. Vinegar,	18.00
1 1-4 bbls. Pickles,	4.00	3 bbls. Soap,	12.00
3 1-2 bushels Apples,	3.50	12 bushels Carrots,	4.00
17 lbs. Butter,	3.40	62 lbs. Lard,	6.20
500 lbs. Pork,	45.00	750 lbs. Beef,	45.00
3 galls. boiled Cider,	3.00	Flour,	3.50
Total,			$802.44

A Statement of the Expenditures at the Alms House, for the year ending MARCH 5th, 1846.

The amount expended at the Alms House over the income of the Farm, and labor of inmates, including the salary of the overseer of the establishment, is, for the support of the inmates, $45.00

The above is as near as can be estimated after a careful and thorough investigation of the whole subject.

The average number of persons supported at the Alms House for the year ending March 5th, 1846, is 6 1-2.

The amount expended for the support of casual poor the past year, is about eighty-one dollars.

All of which is respectfully submitted by

GALEN SILVESTER,
JONATHAN PRATT,
MOSES C. DUNBAR,
Selectmen of Easton.

March 5th, 1846.

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Corner of Main

A STATEMENT

Of the amount of Bills and Notes against the Town which have been paid during the year commencing March 5th, 1846, and ending March 5th, 1847.

Paid Hiram Keith for railing two Bridges	$9.13
Seneca Hills, for services as Selectman, Overseer of the Poor and Assessor for the year 1844,	3.00
H. W. B. Wightman, postage,	2.22
The town of Charlestown, for supporting pauper,	2.50
The town of Stoughton, for do do	5.00
Dr. C. Swan, for medical aid to widow H. Alger,	9.65
Franklin Sylvester, for supplies to James White's family,	4.00
Jesse Perkins, Esq. for taking depositions,	3.50
James P. Ellis, Esq. for do do	3.00
E. E. Bennett, for accommodations and Horse keeping when taking depositions at his house,	5.50
Nathaniel S. Godfrey, for digging grave for T. Cordner,	1.00
Harrison Pool, for a Guide board,	1.50
John Kimball, for merchandize for Alms House	148.47
Paul Dean, for services as School Committee,	15.00
Luther Sheldon, services as do do	18.80
G. W. Hayward, services as do do	7.00
John Torry, for accommodations and horse keeping, &c. when taking depositions at his house in the Parnel Bonney case, &c.	3.63
Ruth Paul, as witness in the P. Bonney case,	4.22
Ruhanah Wade, do do do	4.47
Joseph Sylvester, do do do	1.58
Calvin Marshall, do do do	1.48
Ebenezer Randall, do do do	1.36
Hannah Niles, do do do	74

Paid Rotheus H. Reed, for stock for town Farm,	$25.75
" A. Bassett, Esq. as counsel in the Parnel Bonney case, and for paying O. Prescott and Elliot for services and for notifying towns and recording testimony,	72.55
Galen Sylvester, for services as Selectman, Overseer of the Poor and Assessor,	33.00
Jonathan Pratt for do do do	36.00
Daniel B. Wheaton, do do do	26 50
Galen Sylvester, cash expenses,	6 76
Jonathan Pratt, do do	8.48
Daniel B. Wheaton, do do	5.80
Jonathan Pratt, for wood to widow H. Alger, one year to Sept. 1st, 1847,	20.00
School Committee, for returning Births,	2.75
Asa M. Adams, for Medical aid,	10.50
Joel Sampson, Superintendant of Alms House,	225.00
S. N. Howard, for Horse killed,	105.00
Joseph E. Haywood, for damages voted by town, in consequence of straightening a road,	47.33
Macey W. Williams and William Alger, remittance on Tax,	2.56
Abner Drake, for Band,	45.00
Oliver A. Day and 27 others remittance on Tax of 1845,	33.28
John Kimball, note and interest,	101.83
do do do do	102.50
Richard Newcomb, remittance on tax of 1846,	1.08
Guilford Godfrey, note and interest,	307.00
Edmund Anthony, Esq. County tax,	497.15
Lewis Gray, for return of deaths,	1.25
Tisdale Harlow, for recording births and deaths,	6.56

Corner of Main and [illegible]

Paid Dr. C. Swan, for medical aid to Tamer Cordner	$1 00
Balance on School orders for 1845,	594.70
On School orders for the year 1846,	880.80
Tisdale Harlow, six per cent discount on the Assessment of the year 1846,	177.20
Tisdale Harlow, remittances on tax of 1846,	50.64
City of Boston, for J. T. Chipman, H. Correction,	15.00
Joel Sampson, for use of Town Farm,	35.18
	$3734.90

It appears by the above statement that the Treasurer has received into the Treasury since March 5th 1846, the sum of Four Thousand three Hundred and Forty-one dollars twenty cents, and has paid out in the same time the sum of Three Thousand seven Hundred and Thirty-four dollars ninety cents, up to March 5th, 1847, leaving a balance in the Treasury of of Six Hundred six dollars thirty cents. Said balance consists of cash and uncollected taxes.

STATEMENT OF LIABILITIES

Of the town as nearly as can be ascertained, March 5th, 1847.

Due on outstanding orders, to the several School Districts,	$507.31
Joel Sampson, for salary at almshouse, April 6, '47,	225.00
	$732.31

UNCOLLECTED DUES

To the Town March 5th, 1847.

Balance due from Tisdale Harlow, Esq. Treasurer,	$606.30
Balance due on Town Farm Ledger A,	47.77

Due from town of Plymouth, for support of Mrs. Parnel Bonney, a pauper,	69.00
	$723.07
Balance against the town of	9.24
	732·31

We recommend for the Town to raise for Town expenses the current year, the sum of Twelve Hundred Dollars.

AMOUNT OF PROVISIONS

Hay, Stock, &c. on Town Farm, as appraised by the Selectmen, March 5th, 1847.

10 tons English Hay,	$150.00	3 Tons Meadow Hay,	21.00
3 do swail do.	30.00	1 Horse,	65.00
2 Oxen,	80.00	7 Cows and one Calf,	130.00
2 3 Year Old Steers,	35.00	1 Two Year Old Bull,	10.50
1 Yearling Heifer,	8.00	3 Swine,	27.00
20 Fowls,	5.25	47 Bushels of Corn,	47.00
10 Bushels of Rye,	10.00	14 do of Oats,	8.40
7 do of Barley,	7.00	3 do of Beans,	4.50
140 do of Potatoes,	70.00	20 do of Carrots,	5.00
1 do of Beets,	50	1 do of Onions,	50
400 lbs of Pork,	40.00	550 lbs of Beef,	38.50
200 do of Ham,	20.00	2 Barrels of Cider,	4.00
5 bls Vinegar,	20.00	5 do of Soap,	20,00
40 lbs of Cheese,	4.00	60 lbs of Candles,	6.00
93 do of Dried Apples,	6.51	46 do of Lard,	4.60
Total,			$878.26

Corner of Main and Weir sts. under Concert Hall,

A STATEMENT

Of the Expenditures at the Alms House, over and above the income of the Farm, for the year ending March 5th, 1847.

Cash paid in for the purchase of Stock, Merchandise and to pay the Overseers' salary, $434,40

The average number of persons supported at the Alms House for the past year is eight and one fourth.

The amount expended for the support of casual poor, is about fifty dollars.

We are of opinion that there has been improvements made upon the Farm to considerable amount, by ditching, diging well deeper, building stone wall, filling up low places, &c.

All of which is respectfully submitted by

GALEN SYLVESTER,
JONATHAN PRATT,
DANIEL B. WHEATON. } Selectmen of Easton.

March 4th, 1847.

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REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

A STATEMENT

OF THE AMOUNT RECEIVED INTO THE TREASURY FROM MARCH 5TH, 1847, TO MARCH 3D, 1848.

Balance remaining in the Treasury March 5, 1847,	$606.30
Received from the State Treasury for School Fund,	103.54
Received from John Kimball on loan,	250.00
By Assessors return of Taxes for the year 1847,	3014.47
Received from State Treasury for Band,	42.00
Total,	$4016.31

EXPENDITURES.

A STATEMENT

OF THE AMOUNT OF BILLS AND NOTES AGAINST THE TOWN WHICH HAVE BEEN PAID DURING THE YEAR COMMENCING MARCH 5TH, 1847, AND ENDING MARCH 3D, 1848.

Paid Cyrus Alger the funeral expenses of widow H. Alger,	$4.82
" Rev. Paul Dean for School Report,	18.00
" Daniel B. Wheaton for town expenses,	15.00
" Joel Sampson for one year as Superintendent of Alms House, from April 6th, 1846, to April 6th, 1847,	225.00

Corner of Main and

" Lucius Howard and Daniel Randall for work on road leading from widow Bethuel Drake's to Daniel Randall's,	50.00
" Joel Sampson for stock at Alms House,	80.00
" Balance on School Orders of 1846,	507.31
" Abner Drake, Jr., Clerk of the Band,	42.00
" Jas. Woodward, 2d, for Blank Book,	3.50
" Doct. Wm. F. Perry, medical aid to widow Rachel Witherell,	9.38
" John Kimball for notes and interest,	256.45
" Town of Newburyport for Eliza Lothrop, *a Pauper*,	30.00
" Jas. P. Ellis, County Treasurer, the County tax,	497.15
" Peleg West for extra work on road,	5.82
" John Selee, Esq., for surveying road,	1.50
" Hiram Keith for work on bridge.	20.00
" Edward Drake and others remittances on Taxes of 1846,	7.12
" Tisdale Harlow and others for work done on the road near Samuel Phillips',	47.42
" J. W. D. Hall for printing Selectmen's Report for 1846-7,	6.00
" On School Orders for the year 1847, in part,	855.65
" John M. Gay for bridge by stone dam,	33.79
" Jos. Barrows for services as school committee,	20.00
" " " For making school report,	4.00
" " " For a printed list of books,	2.00
" Eugene N. Williams for services as school committee,	18.00
" Eugene N. Williams for return of 59 births,	2.95
" Thomas F. Davidson for services as school committee,	15.50
" Lewis Gray for return of 31 deaths,	1.55

" Tisdale Harlow, Town Clerk, for recording 90 births and deaths,	7.20
" Tisdale Harlow, Collector, ten dollars by vote of the town, instead of the benefit of the Constable berths,	10.00
" Tisdale Harlow, Collector, sundry remittances of Asa Knapp and others,	20.04
" Tisdale Harlow, Collector, the six per cent. discount on the whole assessment for 1847 of $3014.47, amounting to	180.86
" John Kimball for stationery,	1.43
" " " for merchandise for Alms House,	167.79
" Martin Alger for supplies to widow H. Alger,	1.00
" Jona. Pratt for wood delivered H. Alger,	10.84
" Daniel B. Wheaton for services as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor,	37.50
" Daniel B. Wheaton cash expenses,	19.38
" Capt. Jona. Pratt for services as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor,	32.00
" Capt. Jona. Pratt cash expenses,	9.00
" Tisdale Harlow for services as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor,	26.00
	$3302.95

It appears by the above statement, that the Treasurer has received into the Treasury since March 5th, 1847, the sum of four thousand sixteen dollars thirty-one cents, and has paid out in the same time the sum of three thousand three hundred two dollars ninety-five cents, up to March 3d, 1848, leaving a balance in the Treasury of seven hundred thirteen dollars thirty-six cents. Said balance consists of cash and uncollected taxes.

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STATEMENT OF LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN,

AS NEARLY AS CAN BE ASCERTAINED,

MARCH 3D, 1848.

Due on outstanding orders, to the several School Districts,	$447.89
Joel Sampson for salary at Alms House, April 6, 1848,	175.00
	$622.89

UNCOLLECTED DUES TO THE TOWN,

MARCH 3D, 1848.

Balance due from Tisdale Harlow, Treasurer,	$713.36
Due from the town of Plymouth, for the support of Mrs. Parnel Bonney, a pauper,	173.00
	$886.36
Balance in favor of the town of	$263.47

We recommend for the town to raise for town expenses the current year the sum of thirteen hundred dollars. $1,300.00

AMOUNT OF PROVISIONS,

HAY, STOCK, &C., ON TOWN FARM, AS APPRISED BY THE SELECTMEN, MARCH 3D, 1848.

10 tons English Hay,	$120.00	600 lbs. Beef,	$36.00
7 do. Meadow Hay,	42.00	250 lbs. Pork,	22.50
1 Horse,	60.00	60 lbs. Cheese,	4.80
1 yoke Oxen,	75.00	40 lbs. Lard,	4.00
1 yoke Steers,	60.00	30 lbs. Candles,	3.30
5 Cows,	100.00	160 lbs. Ham,	14.40
3 Heifers,	54.00	35 lbs. Dry Apple,	2.10
1 Bull,	10.00	38 lbs. Braiding Straw,	1.90
2 Yearlings,	16.00	4 barrels Vinegar,	16.00
3 Shoats,	22.00	2 do. Cider,	4.00
25 Fowls,	6.25	8 galls Boiled Cider,	8.00
56 Bushels Corn,	42.00	50 bushels Potatoes,	37.50
1 do. Rye,	1.00	10 do. Turnips,	2.50
9 do. Barley,	6.75	1 do. Onions,	50
3 do. Beans,	3.00	6 do. Apples,	5.00
2 bbls. Soap,	8.00		
Total,			$788.50

A STATEMENT

OF THE EXPENDITURES AT THE ALMS HOUSE, OVER AND ABOVE THE INCOME OF THE FARM, FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 3D, 1848.

Cash paid in for the purchase of Stock, Merchandise, and to pay the Overseer's salary,	$422.79

The average number of persons supported at the Alms House for the past year is seven and one-fourth.

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The amount expended for the support of casual poor is about sixty dollars.

We are of opinion that there has been improvements made upon the Farm to some amount, by ditching, digging stone, building stone walls, &c.

All of which is respectfully submitted by

DANIEL B. WHEATON,
JONATHAN PRATT,
TISDALE HARLOW,
} Selectmen of Easton.

March 3d, 1848.

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1849.

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Corner of Main and Weir sts. under Concert Hall,

A STATEMENT OF LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN,

As nearly as can be ascertained, March 3d, 1849.

Due on outstanding orders, to the several School Districts,	$571.48
Due Alvin Drake, on the 6th of April next,	200.00
Will be due on the James Guild Road, on the 1st of June next, (if finished,)	218.60
	$990.09

UNCOLLECTED DUES TO THE TOWN.

March 3d, 1849.

Balance due from Tisdale Harlow, Treasurer,	$865.23
Due from the town of Plymouth, for the support of Parnel Bonney, a pauper,	277.00
Due from West Bridgewater for the support of Amos Boyington, a pauper,	102.19
	1244.42
Liabilities of the town,	990.08
Balance in favor of the town,	$254.34

We recommend for the town to raise for town expenses the current year, the sum of thirteen hundred dollars.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

DANIEL B. WHEATON,
JONATHAN PRATT,
JASON G. HOWARD,
} Selectmen of Easton.

March 3d, 1849.

REPORT.

A STATEMENT

OF THE AMOUNT RECEIVED INTO THE TREASURY FROM MARCH 3D, 1848, TO MARCH, 3D, 1849.

Balance remain'g in the Treasury March 3, 1848,	$713.36
Rec'd from the State Treasury for School Fund,	103.36
By Assessors' return of Taxes for the year 1848,	3626.78
Received from State Treasury for Band,	102.00
Rec'd from Joel Talbot, Administrator of the Estate of Azel Carr.	96.42
Total,	$4641.92.

EXPENDITURES.

A STATEMENT

OF THE AMOUNT OF BILLS AGAINST THE TOWN WHICH HAVE BEEN PAID DURING THE YEAR COMMENCING MARCH 3D 1848, AND ENDING MARCH 3D, 1849.

Paid William A. Hall, for printing School Reports,	$21.68
" Hack & King, for printing Selectmen's do.	5.50
" Jonathan Pratt, for town expenses,	20.00
" James Woodward, 2d. for one blank book,	3.25
" Joel Sampson's salary,	184.32
" Lewis Gray, for return of deaths,	1.40
" Alvin Drake,	20.00

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" Tisdale Harlow, sundry remittances on Taxes of 1847,	6.18
" Tax on Town Farm for 1848,	18.43
" James P. Ellis, County Tax for 1848,	564.94
" Balance due on School Orders for 1847,	447.89
" Abner Drake, for Band,	102.00
" Edmund Anthony, printing By-Laws,	2.25
" Edward Dean, for notifying two meetings and getting By-Laws printed and posting up the same,	25.00
" Edward Dean, for other town business,	27.50
" On School Orders for the year 1848, in part,	1031.88
" Howard & Davis, for the new Town Weights and Measures,	10.00
" Tertius Buck, for carting the same from Boston,	2.00
" Tisdale Harlow, for remittances for 1848,	22.66
" Seba Howard, for sawing,	85
" Eugene N. Williams for services as School Committee.	15.00
" Hiram A. Pratt for services as School Committee,	23.50
" Paul Dean for services as School Committee,	16.25
" Daniel B. Wheaton for services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor,	46.00
" Jonathan Pratt for services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor,	46.72
" Jason G. Howard for services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor,	17.60
" Daniel B. Wheaton, Cash expenses,	40.89
" Jonathan Pratt Cash, paid	
Edward W. Dean,	10.00
Edmund Anthony,	.75
E. Ingalls, for horse and carriage,	1.50

Expenses at Taunton,	1.00
James Britton, Auctioneer,	1.00
Expenses at Carver, Dedham and Boston,	7.96
To horse and waggon 39 miles,	4.05
" Dr. Caleb Swan, for medical aid,	2.24
" Tisdale Harlow, attendance at Court with Town Records,	1.88
" Tisdale Harlow, recording 57 births,	4.56
" do. do. do. 28 deaths,	2.44
" do. do. in room of the Constable's berth,	10.00
" Thomas Williams for clearing the road of snow,	4.00
" Tisdale Harlow, discount on Taxes for 1848,	217.60
" C. A. Hack, for printing Voting Lists and Annual Report,	11.00
" Lucius Howard for clearing road of snow,	1.20
	$3004.90

CASUAL POOR.

Paid Jonathan Pratt, for wood delivered Hannah Alger,		21.25
" Gannet Marshall for expenses incurred for the support of Amos Boyington.		30.00
" Dr Ephraim Wales Jr. for medical aid	do. do.	33.00
" Dr. Ephraim Wales " "	do. do.	14.00
" Dr. Caleb Swan " "	do. do.	1.50
" Dr. Ephraim Wales Jr. for removing to the Hospital.	do. do.	3.63
" Rufus Bryant for nursing	do. do.	7.00
" Mass. General Hospital,	do. do.	6.86
" City of Boston for burying	do. do.	7.00
" James S. Randall for the support of Widow S. Randall,		22.00

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" Mass. State Lunatic Hospital for support of Lovica Carr,	129.17
	$275.41

BUILDING & REPAIRING ROADS & BRIDGES.

Paid Argile Philips, for building road	53.62
" Walter Keith, for building road,	148.01
" James Guild, damage for Land,	3.00
" Tarties Buck, repairing the Allen road,	75.00
" Oliver Ames, do Leonard do.	200.00
" Charles E. Keith, for Bridge Stone,	16.00
" Alson Gilmore, for laying out J. Guild road,	75
	$496.38
The amount expended for the casual Poor,	275.41
Incidental expenses,	3004.90
Total,	$3776.69

It appears by the above statement that the Treasurer has received into the Treasury since March 3d, 1848, the sum of four thousand six hundred forty-one dollars ninety two cents, and has paid out the sum of three thousand seven hundred seventy-six dollars sixty nine cents, up to March 3d 1849, leaving a balance in the Treasury of eight hundred sixty-five dollars twenty-three cents. Said balance consists of cash and uncollected taxes.

AMOUNT OF PROVISIONS.

Hay, Stock, &c. on Town Farm, as appraised by the Selectmen, March 3d, 1849.

9 tons English Hay,	110.00	500 lbs.	Beef,		35.00
6 " Meadow "	36.00	400 "	Pork,		36.00
1 Horse,	50.00	165 "	Cheese,		14.85
1 Yoke Oxen,	80.00	50 "	Lard,		5.00
7 Cows,	140.00	51½ "	Candles,		5.66
2 Heifers,	20.00	165 "	Ham,		16.80
1 Bull,	10.00	125 "	Dried Apples,		8.75
4 Shoats,	30.00	38 "	Braiding Straw,		1.90
12 Fowls,	3.00	20 "	Butter,		4.00
65 bush. Corn,	55.25	12 "	Tallow,		1.20
13 " Rye,	13,00	10 "	Suet,		1.00
15 " Barley,	12,75	15 "	Sausages,		1.87
3 " Beans,	3.00		Salt Fish,		2.25
2 bbls. Soap,	8.00	8 galls.	boiled Cider,		8.00
1½ " Apples,	3.00	8 "	Apple Sauce,		2.00
10 " Cider,	20.00	2-3 bbl.	Flour,		4.00
3 " Vinegar,	12.00	2 bush.	Meal,		1.80
150 bush. Potatoes,	75.00	1 "	Turnips,		25
25 " Oats,	12.50	1 peck	Onions,		12
60 lbs. Soap Grease,	4.00	1 1-2 bush.	Beet,		25
		Total,			$848.20

The expenses of the Almshouse establishment has exceeded the income of the farm, *including the Overseer's Salary*, about one hundred dollars, for the year ending March 3d, 1849.

The average number of persons supported at the Almshouse, for the past year is five and one half.

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A STATEMENT

Of Liabilities of the Town, as nearly as can be ascertained, March 4th 1850.

Due on outstanding school orders,	$633 00
" Alvin Drake, on the 6th of April next,	200 00
" John Kimball, for goods,	97 16
" H. Copeland, do.	78 00
" Assignees of Lincoln Drake,	300 00
" A. Bassett, for connsel in the Dickerman and other cases, about	100 00
" Amos Pratt, as School Committee, about	25 00
	$1433 16

Uncollected dues to the town, March 4, 1850.

Due from Joel S. Drake, Treasurer	$101 45	
Due from Plymouth, for medical aid to Mrs. Hanneford,	1 75	—103 20
Balance against the town,		$1329 96

We recommend for the town to raise for town expenses, the current year, the sum of two thousand dollars, $2000 00

And also, authorise the Treasurer to borrow a sum sufficient to meet the outstanding debts against the Town.

DANIEL B. WHEATON, ALSON GILMORE, GEO. W. HAYWARD, } Selectmen of Easton.

March 4th, 1850.

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RECEIPTS.

A STATEMENT

Of the amount received into the Treasury from March 3d, 1849 to March 4th 1850.

Balance remaining in the Treasury, March 3d 1849,	$865 23
Rec'd from State Treasury for the School Fund,	103 52
By Assessors' return of Taxes for the year 1849,	3397 28
Rec'd from State Treasury for Band,	84 00
" on loan from O. Ames & Sons,	400 00
" " " Assignees of L. Drake's estate,	300 00
" from Macy Randall, Jr. for license to peddle,	8 00
" from West Bridgewater,	102 19
" Pension for Jonas Howard,	60 00
" Income from Mrs. Carr's third,	13 00
" from Raynham,	3 67
	$5336 89

EXPENDITURES.

A STATEMENT

Of the amount of Bills against the Town which have been paid during the year, commencing March 3d 1849, and ending March 4th 1850.

Paid Thomas Mowrey for printing School Reports,	$14 00
" C. A. Hack, for printing Selectmen's Report,	5 50
" S. O. Danbar, for blank account book,	2 69
" Alvin Drake's salary,	200 00
" Dr. Samuel Deans, medical aid,	1 50
" Dr. C. Swan, " "	16 10

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"	Harrison T. Mitchell, clearing road of snow, winter of 1848–9,	2 00
"	Orin R. Packard, do. do. do. do.	60
"	John Pool, Esq. services in case M. A. Cromwell,	1 75
"	A. Drake for work hired on Town Farm,	15 00
"	Tax on Town Farm for 1849,	16 87
"	O. Ames & Sons, notes and interest,	403 13
"	Balance due on School Orders for 1848,	571 48
"	Tisdale Harlow, remittances,	4 04
"	Isaac L. Proctor, killing dog in accordance with By-Laws of Town, 1848,	1 00
"	James P. Ellis, county tax, for 1849,	564 94
"	Hiram A. Pratt for assessing taxes,	5 00
"	Horatio Pratt, counsel,	1 00
"	Samuel Phillips, digging 2 graves,	3 00
"	Joel S. Drake, discount on whole asses'nt Taxes,	203 83
"	Henry Daily, returning 40 deaths,	2 60
"	Daniel Reed, " 11 "	1 10
"	Joel S. Drake, " 8 "	80
"	do. " 125 births,	25 00
"	do. recording 59 deaths,	3 79
"	do. " 13 marriages,	1 30
"	Abner Drake, Jr. for Band,	84 00
"	Henry Daily, for Coffin for J. Quinley,	2 50
"	On School Orders for 1849 in part,	970 52
"	Joel S. Drake instead of Constable's berth,	10 00
"	C. A. Hack, for printing blank warrants,	2 50
"	Wm. Savage, Constable fees,	16 98
"	Joel S. Drake, remittances for 1849,	58 90
"	Paul Dean, services as Sohool Committee,	20 00
"	Daniel B. Wheaton, services as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor,	63 00
"	Do. cash expenses,	88 71
"	Alson Gilmore, services as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor,	34 75
"	Do. cash expenses,	17 04
"	Geo. W. Hayward, services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor,	22 50
"	Do. cash expense,	1 00

"	Eugene Williams' estate am't due on old bill,	2 60
		$3463 02

CASUAL POOR.

Paid	Dr. Samuel Deans, medical aid for Mrs. Richmond's family,	3 67
"	Do. do. Thomas Randall,	4 99
"	Dr. Caleb Swan, do. Mrs. H. French,	18 90
"	Do. do. Mrs. Hanneford,	1 75
"	Dr. Benj. F. Rounds, do. Martha Lovell,	14 50
"	Dr. J. M. Mills, do. Joseph Washburn,	28 00
"	Hosea Fuller, for nursing " "	21 00
"	O. Ames & Sons for goods " "	16 94
"	Daniel Reed, coffin, for " "	4 00
"	Foxboro' support Steph. G. Dickerman & family,	30 94
"	Holliston, " " " "	24 50
"	Harvard, " " " "	64 58
"	Attleboro' " " " "	105 37
"	Plymouth, bill of costs, " "	47 65
"	G. M. Horton & Co. goods, " "	12 00
"	John Pratt, " " "	4 00
"	Benj. Hervey, " " "	1 80
"	John R. Holmes, " " "	15 99
"	Abner Crossman, " " "	4 60
"	George Pratt, " " "	2 13
"	Elliot & Rasson " " "	40 00
"	Galen Sylvester, " " "	1 80
"	West Bridgewater, aid to Asa Randall,	8 92
"	Randolph, on Jonas Howard case,	500 62
"	Ellis Ames, " "	47 98
"	Thomas Howard, wood del'd Mrs. H. French,	15 75
"	Newburyport, aid to Wm. A. Seaver & family,	20 95
"	State Lunatic Hospital, aid to Lovica Carr,	131 97
"	Alson Gilmore, wood del'd to Hannah Alger,	4 00
"	James S. Randall, aid to his mother,	52 00
"	Edward Drake, " "	10 50
		$1,261 80

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BUILDING AND REPAIRING ROADS & BRIDGES.

Paid Luther Sheldon, moving stone wall,	10 50
" James Guild, making fence and land for road,	162 75
" Linus E. Hayward, making new road,	18 60
" Walter Keith, building bridge,	38 00
" Nahum Pool, damage straightening road,	1 00
" Martin Guild, widening bridge,	8 50
" Dean Keith, repairing road,	6 00
" Wm. Carr, work on bridge near Wm. King's,	56 86
" O. Ames & Sons, do. do.	35 29
" N. Godfrey, work on road near Cyrus Lothrop's,	7 50
" Joseph Ripley, do. do.	5 00
" O. Ames & Sons, 200 loads of gravel do.	8 00
" Chas. E. Keith, carting do. do.	32 00
" Zeno Buck, plank and work on bridge,	20 00
" Guilford C. Newcomb, 24 loads gravel,	1 00
" Abiel Edson, building railing side of road,	15 62
	$426 62

Incidental Expenses,	$3,463 02
Roads and Bridges,	426 62
Casual Poor,	1,261 80
Total,	$5,151 44

It appears by the above statement that the Treasurer has received into the Treasury since March 3d, 1849, the sum of five thousand two hundred fifty-two dollars eighty nine cents, and has paid out the sum of five thousand one hundred fifty one dollars forty-four cents up to March 4th 1850, leaving a balance in the Treasury of one hundred and one dollars, forty-five cents. Said balance consists of cash and uncollected Taxes.

AMOUNT OF PROVISIONS,

Hay, Stock, &c. on Town Farm as appraised by the Selectmen, March 1850.

14	tons English Hay,	$182 00	3¾	bbls. Soap,	15 00
4	" Meadow "	24 00	1	" Apples,	3 00
1	Horse,	40 00	2	" Cider,	4 00
1	Yoke Oxen,	80 00	4	" Vinegar,	16 00
7	Cows,	150 00	200	lbs. Beef,	14 00
1	Heifer,	18 00	200	" Pork,	18 00
4	Yearlings,	25 00	150	" Ham,	15 00
1	y'k 3 y'r old Steers,	35 00	50	" Lard,	5 00
3	Shoats,	25 00	75	" Cheese,	6 75
17	Fowls,	4 25	10	" Sausages,	1 25
75	bushels Corn,	60 00	30	" Tallow,	3 00
2	" Rye,	2 00	20	" Soap grease,	1 50
11	" Barley.	8 80	75	" Dried Apples,	7 50
7	" Beans,	10 50	12	" Tea,	4 00
10½	" Oats,	5 25	35	" Braiding straw,	1 40
115	" Potatoes,	57 50	24	" Candles,	3 00
2	" Carrots,	50	5	gallons Molasses,	1 67
25	" Fr'h Turnips,	6 25	6	" Boiled Cider,	6 00
1	" Beets,	50			
1-2	" Onions,	34		Total,	$862 56
2	" Meal,	1 60			

The expenses of the Almshouse establishment have exceeded the income of the farm, including the Overseer's salary, about two hundred and sixty dollars, for the year ending March 4th 1850.

The number of persons supported at the Almshouse, at the commencement of the past year was five. At the present time the number is thirteen. The average number is seven.

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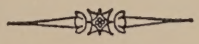

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SCHEDULE.

ALMSHOUSE ESTABLISHMENT.

EXPENDITURES OF THE ALMSHOUSE ESTABLISHMENT.

Paid for Grain,	71 69
" Flour,	45 09
" Meat	58 57
" Groceries,	31 36
" Clothing,	47 00
" Furniture,	27 53
" Farming Tools,	19 27
" Potatoes and Carrots,	8 88
" Blacksmiths Work,	14 16
" Grass Seed,	4 56
" 1 yoke Oxen,	70 00
" Potash,	7 36
" Paints, &c.	11 53
" Medicines,	2 13
" Making Cider,	2 56
" Pasturing Steers,	8 70
" Labor on Farm,	47 05
" " Buildings,	13 14
" Sundries,	40 55
" Dr. Randall, for medical attendance,	2 80
" Dr. James C. Swan, do. do.	8 70
" Dr. Caleb Swan, do. do.	3 34
" Coffin for S. Dickerman,	3 00
" David Hervey, Superintendent,	250 00
Hay, Stock, &c. on hand, March 1850,	862 26
	$1661 53

RECEIPTS OF THE ALMSHOUSE ESTABLISHMENT.

By Produce of Dairy,	60 14
" Calves,	30 46
" Oxen,	96 84
" Shoats,	19 45
" Eggs,	7 36
" Fowls,	2 80
" Hay,	5 43
" Grain,	4 46
" Cider,	8 75

" Apples,	1 83
" Candles,	3 66
" Difference in Cows,	6 00
" Potatoes,	1 11
" Hides,	5 44
" Wood,	15 00
" Hoops,	50 82
" Work done for individuals,	22 94
" " on wood lot,	70 00
" Cash received for support of State Paupers,	62 00
Hay, Stock, &c. on hand, March 1851,	987 00
Receipts of Almshouse,	1470 49
Expenditures do.	1661 53
Bal. against do.	191 04

INMATES OF ALMSHOUSE.

Names.	Age.	No. of weeks.
Parnel Bonney,	82	52
Bezer Ripley,	80	52
Thomas B. Drake,	63	52
James Willis,	70	52
Hannah Willis,	49	52
Asa Drake,	36	52
James W. Willis,	5	52
Irving Dickerman,	7	52
Almah Dickerman,	4	52
Jairus Dickerman,	2	52
Matthew Flougherty,	10	43
Bridget Flougherty,	7	23
Ann Kerley,	22	24
Constantine Kerley,	1	24
Stephen G. Dickerman,	40	12
Mary Dickerman,	39	29
Ezra Dickerman,	9	12
James M'Dowall,	63	9
William Wilson,	39	1
Eunice Dady,	60	4
Charles Willis,	58	6

Admitted the past year	8	Now in the House,		13
Discharged,	7	Males,	9	
Died,	1	Females,	4	13

Average number through the year, 13 3-5.

Cost per week, for each pauper, over and above income of the farm, 27 cents.

EXPENSES OF THE POOR OUT OF THE ALMSHOUSE.

Due H. Copeland, for goods to A. Phillips,	6 50	
Paid for Truss, do.	3 00	9 50

Due H. Copeland, for goods to Mrs. French,	2 00	
Paid Thomas Howard, for wood. do.	4 50	
Paid Dr. Swan, for medical aid, for do.	13 86	20 36
Paid H. D. Holbrook, for supplies for Jonas Howard,	57 50	
Due do. do, do.	35 00	92 50
Paid Foxborough, Funeral expenses for Ellis White,		9 00
Paid do. for supplies for Blanchard family,		62 79
Paid Newburyport, for supplies for Seaver family,		51 05
Paid Dr. Deans, medical aid for Quinby family,	21 33	
Due John Kimball, for goods for do.	14 99	
Paid Josiah Newcomb, do do.	5 16	41 48
Paid Lunatic Hospital for support of Lovice Carr,		121 50
Paid E. A. Morse, for Dickerman family,		1 00
Paid Boston for support of Jacob Chipman,		13 00
Paid Taunton, for support of Mr. Wm. F. Williams,		19 50
Paid Northampton for support of Chas. Willis and family,		15 50
Paid James S. Randall, for support of his mother,		52 00
Paid Dr. Randall for medical aid to Hannah Drake,		4 50
Paid John Smith, for support of Chloe Willis,		25 00
Paid Dr. E. Hayward, for medical aid to Otis Drake,		17 00
Paid John Kimball, for goods to Mrs. Dada,		1 00
Paid Davidson & Gilmore, for goods to Alison Wade,		9 00
Paid Alson Gilmore, for wood &c. for Hannah Alger,	5 50	
Paid Dr. Swan, for medical aid for do.	2 60	8 10
		$573 78

APPROPRIATIONS FOR SCHOOLING.

Town's appropriation,	1500 00
State School Fund,	114 57
	1614 57

Divided as follows:

District No. 1—71 Scholars,	$173 12
" 2—51 "	145 12
" 3—38 "	126 92
" 4—30 "	115 72
" 5—46 "	138 12
" 6—43 "	133 92
" 7—136 "	264 17
" 8—37 "	125 52
" 9—39 "	128 32
" 10—40 "	129 72
" 11—43 "	133 92
	1614 57

PAID TOWN OFFICERS.

Daniel B. Wheaton, as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor,		$95.13
Do. Cash Expenses to Holliston,		4.90
" " to Newburyport,		5.00
" " to Northampton, to move Charles Willis,		18.85
For Horse and Carriage to sundry places out of Town,		19.62
For Books and paper,		1.74
For sundry other expenses,		6.52
Total,		151 76
Alson Gilmore, as Selectman, &c.,	90 00	
Do. Cash Expenses,	23 02	—113 02
George W. Hayward, as Selectman, &c.	71 63	
Do. Cash Expenses,	1 50	—73 13
Joel S. Drake, Clerk, for recording Deaths,	1 70	
" " " Births,	17 60	
" " " Marriages,	2 00	
" for returning 25 Deaths,	2 50	—23 80
Amos Pratt, as School Committee,		25 00
T. F. Davidson, " "		20 63
Wm. Savage, as Constable,		17 50
Henry Daily, returning 6 Deaths,		60
Dan'l Reed, " 3 "		30
Joel S. Drake, in room of Constable's berth,		10 00
Total,		435 74

REMITTANCE OF TAXES.

Joel S. Drake, collection for 1849,	34 16
Michael Burns,	1 15
Charles Conlan,	1 15
Cæsar Cromford,	1 15
William Douglass,	1 15
John Donahoe,	1 15
John Gallahan,	1 15
Timothy Ray,	1 15
William Smith,	1 15
James Willis,	1 15
David Wade,	1 15
Thomas Smith,	1 55
George H. Whitney,	1 15
Silas Philips,	1 36
Major Crockett,	1 15
Alison Wade,	1 15
Richmond Holley,	1 15
Seth Smith, Norton,	24
Eldridge G. Reed, Boston,	48

PEABODY'S FREE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION MASS.

EXPENSES OF ROADS AND BRIDGES,

IN ADDITION TO THE HIGHWAY TAX.

Paid Chas. E. Keith for [illegible] road and building wall near Edward W. Dean's	$32 00
Paid Parmenas Ames, for Gravel for do.,	3 00
Paid Wm. Carr, for building bridge and raising road near D. French's	134 20
Paid Dependence French for gravel for do.	3 32
Paid Asa R. Howard for work on road near Edwin Howard's	2 50
Paid T. Harlow for work on road,	6 50
Paid R. H. Reed for building railing over bridge,	7 45
Total,	188 97

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid postage,	2 40
Paid County Tax,	564 94
Paid Lorenzo Smith, for plan of Almshouse,	2 00
Paid Thomas B. Drake, Cash,	2 00
Paid Nath'l Guild, for support of Bridget Flaierty,	20 00
Paid Town Farm Tax,	17 75
Paid John Selee for surveying,	4 00
Paid Hiram A. Kingman "	1 88
Paid S. O. Dunbar for Valuation Books,	12 50
Paid Smith & Winship, for building addition to Almshouse,	703 75
Paid Discount on Taxes, 1850,	244 95
Paid for Stationery	2 00
Total,	1578 17

RECAPITULATION.

For support of Poor in Almshouse,	191 04
" " " out of "	573 78
" " Public Schools,	1614 57
" Town Officers,	435 74
" Remittance of Taxes,	53 89
" Repairs of Roads and Bridges,	183 97
" Miscellaneous Expenses,	1578 17
Total,	4636 16

ACCOUNT OF STOCK AT ALMSHOUSE,

AS APPRAISED BY THE SELECTMEN, MARCH 1ST, 1851.

16 tons English Hay,	224 00
9 tons Meadow "	39 00
1 ton Hay & Straw,	5 00
1 Horse,	30 00
1 yoke Oxen,	85 00

1 yoke Steers,	65 00
6 Cows,	138 00
3 Heifers,	54 00
1 Bull,	18 00
3 Shoats,	22 50
27 Fowls,	8 75
60 bush. Corn,	54 00
3 " Meal,	2 70
3 " Rye,	3 00
4 " Beans,	6 00
40 " Potatoes,	30 00
2 " Carrots,	50
24 " Turnips,	8 00
1 " Onions,	50
1 1-2 " Cranberries	3 00
3 bbls Apples,	6 00
1 1-2 bbl. Cider,	3 00
4 bbls. Vinegar,	16 00
3 4 bbl Flour,	5 00
525 lb. Beef,	36 75
400 lb. Pork,	36 00
225 lb. Ham,	22 50
90 lb. Lard,	9 00
74 lb. Butter,	14 80
180 lb. Cheese,	18 00
10 lb. Suet,	1 00
48 lb. Candles,	6 00
70 lb Dried Apples,	5 00
20 lb Soap Greece,	1 00
2 1-2 bbls Soap,	10 00
Total,	987 00

We recommend for the Town to raise, for town expenses, the current year, the sum of two thousand dollars,—and also to authorize the Treasurer to borrow a sum sufficient to meet the outstanding debts against the town.

DANIEL B. WHEATON,
ALSON GILMORE,
GEORGE W. HAYWARD. } Selectmen of Easton.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

TOWN OF EASTON IN ACCOUNT WITH JOEL S. DRAKE, TREASURER.

1850-51 *DR.*

To paid sundry Town Orders,		$2147 72
County Tax,		564 94
Balance due School Districts, 1849,		633 00
School Districts, (in part) 1850,		864 56
Remittance of Taxes, 1849,	34 16	
do. 1850,	19 73	53 89

Discount on Taxes,		244 95
Easton Band,		96 00
paid Assignees S. Drake, Note and interest,		304 50
John Kimball, do.		258 50
Amos Pratt, School Committee, 1849,		24 50
Alvin Drake, balance for services, 1849,		185 16
J. W. D. Hall, printing School Report, 1849,		10 00
Paul Dean, writing " "		7 00
H. Copeland, store account,		78 00
J. Kimball, store account,		100 56
A. Bassett, cost of indictment against the town for bad road,		10 03
Bal. in hands of Treasurer,		148 42
		5731 73

1850-51 *CR.*

By balance of last year's account,		101 45
Cash of the State, School Fund,		114 57
Do. do. for Band, 1849,	84 00	
Do. do. do, 1850,	96 00	180 00
Do. do. Paupers,		33 50
Do. on loan from J. Kimball,		250 00
Do. do. F. Sylvester,		300 00
Do. do. Mrs. Titus Drake,		100 00
Do. do. Tisdale Harlow,		200 00
Do. do. Emory Goward,		300 00
Assessors returns for Taxes 1850,		4082 47
Cash received from Taunton, for aid to B. Eddy,	25 00	
" Pension to Jonas Howard,	10 00	
" Income from Mrs. Carr's Third,	11 00	46 00
" from Zelotes F. Nickson, for license to peddle,		8 00
" for Bricks of Powder House,		15 74
		5731 73
By balance in hands of the Treasurer,		148 42

JOEL S. DRAKE, Treasurer.

Examined and approved,

DANIEL B. WHEATON,
ALSON GILMORE,
GEORGE W. HAYWARD. } Selectmen of Easton.

STATE OF THE TREASURY, MARCH 1, 1851.

DR.

Notes payable,—To Franklin Sylvester,	300 00	
To Mrs. Titus Drake,	100 00	
To Tisdale Harlow,	200 00	
To Emory Goward,	300 00	900 00
Interest accrued on the above notes,		37 75
Due A. Bassett, for counsel in Dickerman and other cases, about		100 00
Due H. Copeland on acconnt,		39 76
Due John Kimball,		76 56
Due H. D. Holbrook, for boarding Jonas Howard to March 1st, 1851,		35 00
Due D. Hervey on the 6th of April next,		250 00
Due the several School Districts,		750 01
		2189 08

CR.

By cash in the hands of the Treasurer,	148 42
By amount due from Bridgwater, for the support of Joseph Washburn,	69 94
By amount due for support of State Paupers, about	62 00
By amount due from Wm. F. Williams, for support of his wife,	19 50
By amout due from Plymouth, for medical aid to Mrs. Hanneford,	1 75
	301 61
Total amount due from the town,	2189 08
" " " to the town,	301 61
Balance against the town,	1887 47

REPORT.

The Committee of the Town of Easton submit the following as their Annual Report.

They have endeavored to perform the duties assigned them by the law of the State, and what the interest and prosperity of the Schools demanded. Teachers that have been presented for their approbation, have been critically examined as to their qualifications, and satisfactory evidence has invariably been required of their moral character and aptness to teach. All the Schools have been visited at their commencement and close, and also at other times during their continuance. Suggestions have been made when considered necessary both to teachers and scholars, and suitable books recommended. They have aimed to awaken interest in the Schools, always urged industry and perseverance, and practiced the strictest economy. It is a very difficult task to prepare a Report of the Schools, so as to make them appear in their true character. Many things connected with them must be necessarily omitted, and many things may be stated which do not strike parents, and others interested, as they do the Committee. There are many interests involved in this subject; many individuals deeply concerned, various in their opinions and dispositions, so that parents and Committee may not, in every case, have the same view of men and things.

But as your Committee are called upon to deal with men of sense in this business, they hope to make things so sensible that feeling will not take the place of sense, while they attempt to give a few statements in relation to the Schools during the past year.

No. of District	No. of children between 5 and 15.	Whole number of scholars in summer.	Whole number of scholars in winter.	Average attendance in summer.	Average attendance in winter.	Length of school, in summer, in months.	Length of school in winter, in months.	Wages per month in summer.	Wages per month in winter.
1	71	58	71	$49\frac{1}{5\,8}$	$53\frac{5\,7}{6\,5}$	3	3	$16.00	$32.00
2	51		58						
3	38	41	46	$30\frac{1\,3}{3\,5}$	$40\frac{7}{3\,0}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$	3	12.00	26 00
4	30	31	31	$24\frac{3}{5}$	26	3	3	11.33	15.33
5	46	*							
9	45	36	37	28	$28\frac{6\,9}{1\,3\,0}$	3	3	15.00	25.00
7	136	114	117	71	85	$3\frac{3}{4}$	$2\frac{1}{2}$	18.00	32.00
8	31	†							
9	39	39	43	32	$39\frac{2\,1}{5\,3}$	$2\frac{9}{2\,2}$	$2\frac{3}{6\,5}$	16.00	35.00
10	40	41	45	29	$31\frac{2}{5}$	$2\frac{7}{8}$	3	14.00	30.00
11	43	54	61	45	47	$3\frac{3}{4}$	$3\frac{1}{4}$	13.00	14.00

* School not closed. † Under the charge of the Stoughton Committee.

District No. 1. The Summer School was taught by Miss Fidelia J. Shepard, of Mansfield. At the various visitations made by the Committee the School appeared with a good degree of propriety; and at the examination the scholars showed that they had made considerable progress in the different branches of study; it is believed that she gave general satisfaction as a Teacher in the District.

The Winter term was taught by Mr. Jason F. Ames, of Mansfield. Mr. Ames commenced this School under favorable auspices to all appearances; but after a few weeks it was found that there was dissatisfaction among some members of the District; and a Petition was preseuted to the Committee, requesting them to dismiss him; after calling the members of the District together and deliberating upon the matter, it was thought advisable to continue the School. It cannot be expected that any man under such circumstances, can accomplish all that is desirable; notwithstanding the greater part of the scholars made a very good degree of progress in the various branches of study, still it is evident that some came for other purposes than to pursue their studies, and they also were very busy in that pursuit, and doubtless made some progress in it, as the examination clearly evinced. It is thought by the Committee that if the Teacher had been more strict in government, and parents coincided with him in his endeavors there would have been no cause of complaint.

District No. 2. The Summer School was taught by Miss Orinthia Fosse, of Maine. Her experience as a teacher, the interest she took in the scholars, her kind and affectionate manner, had a happy influence on the School; under her instruction, the pupils made good progress and gave satisfaction to the District and Committee. The Winter term was taught by Mr. Erastus Brown, of Easton. He has been employed to teach this School for two winters in succession; this is proof that he has given satisfaction to the District, and the examination gave proof to the Committee that he had labored faithfully with his pupils, yet there were some scholars, who seemed to prefer wasting a considerable portion of time, rather than devote it to close application.

District No. 3. The Summer School was taught by Miss Elizabeth F. Clark, of this town. She has taught several Schools previously in town. At the several visitations by the Committee, the School conducted with a good degree of propriety, and at the close it was evident, that teacher and scholar had labored successfully together, and sustained their reputation among the foremost ranks of Schools in town.

The Winter term was taught by Mr. George Pratt, of Weymouth. This was his first attempt at teaching, however, the School made good progress in the different studies they pursued. It is thought by the Committee that the teacher succeeded remarkably well in

the management of the School, considering his youth and experience.

District No. 4. The Summer School was taught by Miss Ursula C. Gwynneth. This was her first attempt at School keeping, and like many others, doubtless she found unexpected difficulties to encounter; some of the larger scholars chose to gratify their own wishes rather than the teacher's; consequently she found the task an up hill work. It is believed she labored hard to sustain the reputation of the School, but found the burden too great for her to sustain. It is thought by the Committee that she has the qualities of a good teacher, and that she will succeed well in teaching under more favorable circumstances and experience.

The Winter term was taught by Miss Luthera L. Deans, of this town, she has taught in this District and in the immediate vicinity for a considerable time and is well known as a teacher; on visiting the School at various times during the term, and also at the close, it was evident that good order was preserved; still had there been a little more animation infused into the pupils, the School would have displayed more brilliancy. It is with great pleasure that we have seen the old house transformed into a beautiful, neat and commodious place, where children can enjoy life while at school; will the scholars take warning by this, and start on in pursuit of knowledge with railroad speed to overtake those in advance of them.

District No. 5. This School has been taught for several terms in succession by Miss Luthera L. Deans, this evidently shows the entire satisfaction of the District; the Committee however, would be glad to see the scholars start with more vigor and life, to climb the Hill of Science.

District No. 6. The Summer School was taught by Miss Anne Maria Hodges, of Foxborough. Miss Hodges is a teacher who has some experience in teaching and succeeded in maintaing a tolerable degree of order and propriety in School, and on examination the Scholars were found to have made considerable advancement in their various studies, still there was want of energy on the part of the School that seemed necessary in some way or other to be counteracted.

The Winter term was taught by Mr. Benjamin E. Sweet, of Norton. Mr. Sweet has had some experience in teaching and came well recommended as to his literary qualifications and good moral character; in his School he seemed desirous of fulfiling his task in an acceptable manner, and of benefiting the Scholars in the best possible way, but from some cause unknown to the Committee there was a wrong feeling existing between the scholar and teacher which injured the School very much; at the close of the School, nearly half of the scholars absented themselves; and those that were present (the greater part of them) forgot to bring their voices with them; but after being urged to speak so as to be heard, some of

them succeeded, and it was found that they had made pretty good progress in their studies. Now where all the blame belongs, your Committee cannot say, but it is evident that it does not all belong to the teacher, every one knows that the teacher cannot instruct pupils, unless they are sent to School; and how long will parents continue to see their children waste their time when they should be in the School room.

District No. 7. This School was conducted through the Summer term by Miss Hannah Lothrop, of Sharon, assisted by Miss Roda Wild, of Easton. Miss Lothrop has had much experience in teaching, and had previously taught in this District, which shows that she had given satisfaction; and it is very evident that she labored with unwearied effort, for the welfare of the School, to promote its best interest and secure good order among the Scholars. On examination the School failed to answer the expectations of the Committee, the government was not so perfect as desirable, consequently the pupils would not make so good a progress as could be wished for and was anticipated.

The Winter term was taught by Mr. John Jackson, of Charlestown, who was assisted by Miss Hannah Lothrop. The School commenced favorably to all appearances, and both of the teachers were experienced; all was believed would go on harmoniously, but evil was near at hand threatening to overthrow the School, or destroy all its usefulness at least: Some darling child had been governed, or perhaps placed in a class contrary to his wishes, or had done something for which he ought to be punished, and very likely the only way to save him from being made to obey in School, is to take him out, for it was ascertained by this time that the teacher would be master while he had the care of the School; thus it seemed as if the School had come nearly to ruin; some rising to encounter with the master, some leaving the School and the remainder to pursue their studies. It cannot be expected that any teacher under such circumstances can succeed in giving satisfaction. The Committee would say that on the examination, those scholars which were present, acquitted themselves well generally, although there was not energy displayed in recitations as would have been, had the whole School been present; the order of the School was good, and reflects much credit on the teacher which he deserves.

District No. 8. This School is under the superintendence of the Stoughton Committee.

District No. 9. This School was taught by Miss Mary C. Pratt, of West Bridgewater. Miss P. is so well known as a teacher that no comment is necessary; the examination clearly showed that the scholars had been faithfully instructed in the various branches of studies which they pursued.

The Winter term was taught by one of your Committee.

District No. 10. The Summer School in this District was taught by Miss Nancy C. Kingman, of Mansfield, the School under her care was conducted in such a manner as to give general satisfaction to the District and Committee.

The School in the Winter was placed under the care of Mr. Nathan P. Selee, of this town, this School was under his care the winter previous, which conclusively shews that the District were well pleased with the School, on examination the Committee found the School in excellent order, and the recitations clearly evinced that teacher and scholar had labored industriously, and had not spent their time in vain.

District No. 11 This school has been under the care of Miss Elizabeth W. Deans, of Easton, both summer and winter.

Miss Deans is an experienced teacher, and her success as such in this town, needs no commendation; she has succeeded in this school as in others, in giving satisfaction to the District and Committee.

It will be seen by this Report, that during the past year, our schools have not been all that could be wished; the next inquiry to be made, is, how shall they be made better? It is evident this inquiry could not be answered to the satisfaction of all, and perhaps an attempt would be useless; but while the present custom of selecting teachers exists, we would urge the Districts to be particular in the choice of their School Agents, and not select one merely because he has not served before, but one who will interest himself in the welfare of the District, select a good teacher or none at all, not take one known to be rather an indifferent instructor, (by the Agent,) because it will save trouble to him, and in consequence of which, lose the greater part of the value of his time, and that of the scholars. Parents too, have something to do in this matter, and should be interested in the education of their children, enough, at least, to visit the school, and know by what influence their children are governed. Who would place his farm under the care of another for an entire season, and never look to see how it was managed? And yet there are parents who will place their children under the care of perhaps, an entire stranger, and yet never visit the school to know what instruction is given, or to encourage the teacher. Sometimes, parents become dissatisfied with the teacher through the influence of their children, and take them from the school, without knowing the true cause of complaint. The whole school suffers in consequence; an excitement prevails. The teacher may be ignorant of the cause. He is aware there is friction somewhere among his machinery, but the moving wheel is out of sight. Now suppose the teacher *is* an indifferent one;—is it wise to destroy what energy he has, by throwing obstacles in his way? Because a man cannot get all that is due him, does he throw away that which is offered? If parents would often visit the school and learn the true state of things by personal observation, it would tend to inspire confidence in the

teacher, and give him energy and success in his labors. Let this course be pursued in all our schools, and the day is not far distant, when the number of poor schools will become much less than at present.

AMOS PRATT,
THOS. F. DAVIDSON, } Committee.*

Easton, March 3d, 1851.

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* The other member of the Committee has left town.

REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN,

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

AND

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OF

EASTON,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1852.

TAUNTON,
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SCHEDULE.

ALMSHOUSE ESTABLISHMENT.

ACCOUNT OF STOCK AT ALMSHOUSE, AS APPRAISED BY THE SELECTMEN, MARCH 1ST, 1852.

15 1-2 tons English Hay,	217 00
5 1-2 " Meadow "	30 25
1-2 " Straw,	3 00
1 Horse	80 00
2 Oxen,	110 00
2 Steers,	75 00
9 Cows,	200 00
3 Shoats	26 00
36 Fowls,	12 00
80 bush. Corn,	72 00
8 " Meal,	7 20
3 " Beans,	6 00
60 " Potatoes,	30 00
8 " Carrots,	2 00
16 " Turnips,	5 33
1 1-2 " Onions,	75
2 1-2 bbls Apples,	5 00
9 " Cider,	18 00
3 " Vinegar,	12 00
1 " Soap,	4 00
550 lbs. Beef,	38 50
400 " Pork,	40 00
314 " Ham & Beef,	21 40
40 " Fresh Meat,	3 20
62 " Lard,	6 82
38 " Butter,	7 60
53 " Candles,	6 36
17 " Cheese,	1 53
17 " Tallow,	1 53
100 " Dried Apples,	10 00
50 " Soap Grease,	2 50
Groceries,	4 00
Total,	1068 97

EXPENDITURES OF THE ALMSHOUSE.

Paid for Grain,	121 87
" Flour,	52 85
" Meat,	20 66
" Groceries,	40 34
" Clothing and Bedding,	100 13
" Furniture,	29 19
" Farming Tools,	25 42
" Blacksmithing,	14 34
" Grass Seed,	6 45
" 1 Yoke of Oxen,	97 50
" 1 Horse,	80 00
" 1 Cow and 2 Heifers,	55 00
" 1 Yoke of Steers,	60 00
" 1 Shoat,	8 62
" Pasturing Oxen,	2 88
" Potash,	2 27
" Medicines,	3 46
" Labor on the Farm,	63 26
" Repairs on Buildings,	41 89
" Sundries,	34 49
" Dr. Caleb Swan,	7 50
" Parmenus Ames, for Lot of Wood,	170 00
" David Hervey, Superintendent,	250 00
Hay, Stock &c. on hand, March 1st. 1851,	987 00
Total,	2275 12

RECEIPTS OF ALMSHOUSE ESTABLISHMENT.

By 695 lbs. Butter,	134 00
" Milk,	4 71
" Calves,	32 32
" Oxen,	100 20
" Horse,	20 00
" Steers,	75 00
" Cow,	26 00
" 2 Shoats,	10 65
" Eggs and Fowls,	46 49
" Hay,	21 13
" Candles,	3 08
" Lard,	3 40
" Hides,	8 12
" Beef,	8 70
" Apples,	4 00
" Wood,	263 97
" Work done for Individuals,	44 54
" Cash received for Donevan Family,	2 56
" Cash received Jonas Howard's Pension,	20 00
" Cash received for State Paupers,	14 35

" Amount due for support of Robinson Family,	49 30
" Hay, Stock, &c. on hand, March 1st. 1852.	1068 97
Total,	1966 49
Expenditures of Almshouse,	2275 12
Receipts " "	1966 49
Balance against the Town,	308 63

INMATES OF THE ALMSHOUSE.

Names,	Age,	No. of weeks
Bezer Ripley,	81	52
Parnel Bonney,	83	52
Thomas Drake	66	52
James Willis,	72	52
Hannah Willis,	47	52
Charles Willis,	59	52
James W. Willis,	6	52
Asa Drake,	37	52
Irving Dickerman,	8	52
Almah Dickerman,	5	52
Jarius Dickerman,	3	52
Ezra Dickerman,	10	47
Patience Shaw,	80	44
Jonas Howard,	90	27
Mary Dickerman,	40	14
William Donevan,	42	2
Lucia Donevan,	33	1
Daniel Donevan,	7 weeks,	1
Martha Flarety,	11	32
Eunice Dady,	60	16
Hosea Fuller,	76	14
Edward Robinson,	28	13
Ellen Robinson,	29	13
John Robinson,	4	13
William Robinson,	2	13
John Robinson,	50	11
Clarissa Robinson,	34	11
Harriet D. Washburn,	12	11
Ann Maria Washburn,	4	11
John Baker,	32	1
Absada Blanchard,	22	5
Mary E. Fuller,	4	5
Hannah T. Fuller,	2	5

Admitted the past year,	20	Now in the House,	27
Discharged,	4	Males,	15
Absconded,	2	Females,	12

Average number through the year, 17.

Cost of each pauper per week, over and above the income of the Farm, 35 cents.

EXPENSES OF POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Paid Dr. Swan for Hiram French's Family,	16 18
" for Wood " " " "	11 25
" H. Copeland, goods to John Norton,	3 25
" D. B. Wheaton, 1 Cord Wood "	4 50
" Dr. Deans & others for Lemuel Harlow,	12 61
" " " Charles Randall,	2 50
" Dr. Swan and others for Charles Wing,	27 00
" Samuel Phillips, Jr. & others, for Dickerman child,	45 83
" H. D. Holbrook for support Jonas Howard,	98 13
" Peleg West for aid to Thomas Randall,	10 00
" David Godfrey and others for Geo. Quinby,	8 13
" James Randall for aid to his mother,	52 00
" State Lunatic Hospital for Lovica Carr,	121 90
" 1 Cord Wood delivered Polly Keith,	4 50
" Dr. Mills and others for Alson Wade,	12 42
" Henry Dailey, coffin for Brainard child,	3 00
" Dwelly Goward and others for Robinson Family,	10 14
" Town of Stoneham for support Leonard L. Brewer,	103 69
Due John Smith for aid to Chloe Willis,	25 00
" Newburyport for Seaver Family, about	30 00
Total,	602 08
Deduct amount due from other Towns,	50 75
	551 33

APPROPRIATIONS FOR SCHOOLING.

Town Appropriation,	1500 00
State School Fund,	114 57
	1614 57

Divided as follows:

District No 1—76 Scholars,	146 11
" " 2—60 "	154 51
" " 3—37 "	123 46
" " 4—34 "	119 41
" " 5—37 "	123 46
" " 6—45 "	134 26

" " 7–155 "	282 77
" " 8—28 "	111 31
" " 9—37 "	123 46
" " 10–45 "	134 26
" " 11–43	131 56
	1614 57

PAID TOWN OFFICERS.

Daniel B. Wheaton, Assessor, Selectman &c.	50 50
" " Cash Expenses,	47 70
George W. Hayward, Assessor, Selectman &c.	31 75
" " Cash Expenses,	1 38
Horace D. Howard, Assessor, Selectman &c.	19 00
Amos Pratt, School Committee,	34 00
Erastus Brown, " "	23 50
Guilford White, " "	14 00
William Savage, Constable,	7 70
Edward W. Dean, "	17 00
Samuel Phillips, Jr. returning 15 Deaths,	1 50
Joel S. Drake, " 34 "	3 40
do. recording 49 "	2 45
do. " 82 Births,	16 40
do. " 14 Marriages,	1 40
do. room Constable's Berth,	10 00
Total,	281 68

REMITTANCE OF TAXES.

Joel S. Drake, Collection for 1850,	12 31	William Smith,	1 35
		Timothy Sullivan,	1 35
Alonzo Andrews,	1 35	Ellis P. Thayer,	1 35
John Brainard,	1 35	David Wade,	1 35
Benj. F. Berry,	1 35	Richard B. Morse,	1 35
Patrick O'Brien,	1 35	James Wells,	1 35
John O'Brien,	1 35	Amos Wade,	1 35
John Clough,	1 35	Galen Randall,	1 35
Thomas Craden,	1 35	James H. Best,	1 35
William Conland,	1 35	Albert Carr,	1 35
William Delany,	1 35	James Faddin,	1 35
Peter Geants,	1 35	John Howard,	1 35
Alex. Jennings,	1 35	Timothy Callighan,	1 35
Peter Kerley,	1 35	James Reed,	1 35
Thomas Kerley,	1 35	Alson Wade,	1 35
James Leddy,	1 35	William Ames,	1 35
James Middleton,	1 35	Eben Randall,	1 35
Nathan O. Rockwell,	1 35	D. W. C. Lothrop,	1 00
Samuel D. Robinson,	1 35	Total,	59 21

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" Steers,	75 00
" Cow,	26 00
" 2 Shoats,	10 65
" Eggs and Fowls,	46 49
" Hay,	21 13
" Candles,	3 08
" Lard,	3 40
" Hides,	8 12
" Beef,	8 70
" Apples,	4 00
" Wood,	268 97
" Work done for Individuals,	44 54
" Cash received for Donevan Family,	2 56
" Cash received Jonas Howard's Pension,	20 00
" Cash received for State Paupers,	14 35

" Amount due for support of Robinson Family,	49 30
" Hay, Stock, &c. on hand, March 1st. 1852.	1068 97
Total,	1966 49
Expenditures of Almshouse,	2275 12
Receipts " "	1966 49
Balance against the Town,	308 63

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James W. Willis,	6	52
Asa Drake,	37	52
Irving Dickerman,	8	52
Almah Dickerman,	5	52
Jarius Dickerman,	3	52
Ezra Dickerman,	10	47
Patience Shaw,	80	44
Jonas Howard,	90	27
Mary Dickerman,	40	14
William Donevan,	42	2
Lucia Donevan,	33	1
Daniel Donevan,	7 weeks,	1
Martha Flarety,	11	32
Eunice Dady,	60	16
Hosea Fuller,	76	14
Edward Robinson,	28	13
Ellen Robinson,	29	13
John Robinson,	4	13
William Robinson,	2	13
John Robinson,	50	11
Clarissa Robinson,	34	11
Harriet D. Washburn,	12	11
Ann Maria Washburn,	4	11
John Baker,	32	1
Absada Blanchard,	22	5
Mary E. Fuller,	4	5
Hannah T. Fuller,	2	5

Admitted the past year,	20	Now in the House,	27
Discharged,	4	Males,	15
Absconded,	2	Females,	12

Average number through the year, 17.

Cost of each pauper per week, over and above the income of the Farm, 35 cents.

EXPENSES OF POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Paid Dr. Swan for Hiram French's Family,	16 18
" for Wood " " " "	11 25
" H. Copeland, goods to John Norton,	3 25
" D. B. Wheaton, 1 Cord Wood "	4 50
" Dr. Deans & others for Lemuel Harlow,	12 61
" " " Charles Randall,	2 50
" Dr. Swan and others for Charles Wing,	27 00
" Samuel Phillips, Jr. & others, for Dickerman child,	45 83
" H. D. Holbrook for support Jonas Howard,	98 13
" Peleg West for aid to Thomas Randall,	10 00
" David Godfrey and others for Geo. Quinby,	8 13
" James Randall for aid to his mother,	52 00
" State Lunatic Hospital for Lovica Carr,	121 90
" 1 Cord Wood delivered Polly Keith,	4 50
" Dr. Mills and others for Alson Wade,	12 42
" Henry Dailey, coffin for Brainard child,	3 00
" Dwelly Goward and others for Robinson Family,	10 14
" Town of Stoneham for support Leonard L. Brewer,	103 69
Due John Smith for aid to Chloe Willis,	25 00
" Newburyport for Seaver Family, about	30 00
Total,	602 08
Deduct amount due from other Towns,	50 75
	551 33

APPROPRIATIONS FOR SCHOOLING.

Town Appropriation,	1500 00
State School Fund,	114 57
	1614 57

Divided as follows:

District No 1—76 Scholars,	146 11
" " 2—60 "	154 51
" " 3—37 "	123 46
" " 4—34 "	119 41
" " 5—37 "	123 46
" " 6—45 "	134 26

" " 7-155 "	282 77
" " 8—28 "	111 31
" " 9—37 "	123 46
" " 10-45 "	134 26
" " 11-43	131 56
	1614 57

PAID TOWN OFFICERS.

Daniel B. Wheaton, Assessor, Selectman &c.	50 50
" " Cash Expenses,	47 70
George W. Hayward, Assessor, Selectman &c.	31 75
" " Cash Expenses,	1 38
Horace D. Howard, Assessor, Selectman &c.	19 00
Amos Pratt, School Committee,	34 00
Erastus Brown, " "	23 50
Guilford White, " "	14 00
William Savage, Constable,	7 70
Edward W. Dean, "	17 00
Samuel Phillips, Jr. returning 15 Deaths,	1 50
Joel S. Drake, " 34 "	3 40
do. recording 49 "	2 45
do. " 82 Births,	16 40
do. " 14 Marriages,	1 40
do. room Constable's Berth,	10 00
Total,	281 68

REMITTANCE OF TAXES.

Joel S. Drake, Collection for 1850,	12 31	William Smith,	1 35
		Timothy Sullivan,	1 35
Alonzo Andrews,	1 35	Ellis P. Thayer,	1 35
John Brainard,	1 35	David Wade,	1 35
Benj. F. Berry,	1 35	Richard B. Morse,	1 35
Patrick O'Brien,	1 35	James Wells,	1 35
John O'Brien,	1 35	Amos Wade,	1 35
John Clough,	1 35	Galen Randall,	1 35
Thomas Craden,	1 35	James H. Best,	1 35
William Conland,	1 35	Albert Carr,	1 35
William Delany,	1 35	James Faddin,	1 35
Peter Geants,	1 35	John Howard,	1 35
Alex. Jennings,	1 35	Timothy Callighan,	1 35
Peter Kerley,	1 35	James Reed,	1 35
Thomas Kerley,	1 35	Alson Wade,	1 35
James Leddy,	1 35	William Ames,	1 35
James Middleton,	1 35	Eben Randall,	1 35
Nathan O. Rockwell,	1 35	D. W. C. Lothrop,	1 00
Samuel D. Robinson,	1 35	Total,	59 21

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid Zeno Buck, for removing snow,	8 15	
" Thomas Howard, "	3 00	
" Stephen F. Howard, "	2 20	
" H. T. Mitchell, "	4 21	
" Peleg West, "	2 10	
" Edward D. Williams, "	2 00	
" Tisdale Harlow, "	13 80	
" John Selee, "	2 70	
" Edmund Lothrop, "	1 50	
" Albert Hayward, "	2 05	
" John B. Lothrop, "	3 15	
" Charles W. Evans, "	1 60	
" Rotheus H. Reed, "	1 75	48 21
" S. O. Dunbar for Blank Books,		2 75
" C. A. Hack, for printing Voters' List,		6 00
" " " " Selectmen's and School Commitee's Report, 1850,		19 00
" A. Gilmore for getting above,		2 00
" for Stationery,		2 00
" John Selee for Guideboards, and repairing Bridges,		10 81
" Galen Sylvester for Posts,		1 00
" Co. Treasury, for Taunton and So. Boston Turnpike,		82 00
" Treasurer of " for piece Land,		15 00
" Tax on Town Farm,		24 35
" Postage and Express,		2 50
" Peleg West, work on road,		5 32
Total,		220 94

RECAPITULATION.

For support of Poor in Almshouse,	308 63
" " " out of "	551 33
" " Public Schools,	1614 57
" Town Officers,	281 68
" Remittances of Taxes,	59 21
" Miscellaneous Expenses,	220 94
Total,	$3036 36

We recommend for the town to raise, for town expenses, for the current year, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars.

DANIEL B. WHEATON,
GEO. W. HAYWARD,
HORACE D. HOWARD,
} Selectmen of Easton.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

TOWN OF EASTON IN ACCOUNT WITH JOEL S. DRAKE, TREASURER.

1851-52. *DR.*

To paid sundry Town Orders,	$1433 02
County Tax,	540 80
Balance due School Districts, 1850,	750 01
School Districts, (in part) 1851,	629 28
6 per cent. discount on Taxes,	307 02
Easton Band,	90 00
Taxes abated, 1850,	12 31
Taxes abated, 1851,	46 90
Anslem Basset, for counsel and services in Dickerman case,	180 00
John Kimball, store account, 1850,	70 86
" " " " 1851,	100 00
Horatio Copeland, store account, 1850,	39 76
Assignees of L. Drake, note and Interest,	505 00
Emory Goward, " "	327 06
Franklin Sylvester, " "	327 00
Tisdale Harlow, " "	219 21
Sally Hodges, " "	156 90
Sarah Drake, " "	111 10
Charles Hayward, " "	104 60
	5950 83
Balance in hands of Treasurer,	654 78
	6605 61

1851-52. *CR.*

By balance of last year's account,	$148 42
Cash of State School Fund,	114 57
Cash received for Band, 1851,	90 00
Cash received for State Paupers,	14 35
Assessors' return for Taxes, 1851,	5116 95
Cash received of Bridgewater for support of Joseph Washburn,	68 50
Jonas Howard's Pension,	20 00
Income from Mrs. Carr's Third,	11 00
David Hervey, balance of old account,	7 01
David Hervey, on loan,	200 00
Mrs. Sarah Hodges, on loan,	150 00
Charles Hayward, do.	100 00
Assignees of L. Drake, do.	500 00
Amount received from State, for support of paupers, 1850,	64 81
	6605 61

Balance in hands of Treasurer, 654 78

JOEL S. DRAKE, Treasurer.

Examined and approved,

DANIEL B. WHEATON, GEO. W. HAYWARD, HORACE D. HOWARD, } Selectmen of Easton.

STATE OF THE TREASURY.

MARCH 1, 1852.

DR.

Note payable to David Hervey,	$200 00
Interest on the above,	10 80
Due several School Districts,	985 29
Due Newburyport, about	30 00
Due John Smith,	25 00
Due D. Hervey on the 6th of April next,	250 00
	1501 09

CR.

By cash in hands of Treasurer,	654 78
By amount due from Wm. F. Williams,	19 50
By amount due from Plymouth,	1 75
By amount due from Chilmark and Bridgewater for support of Robinson Family,	49 30
By amount due from W. Bridgwater, for Chas. Wing,	25 00
	750 33
Total amount due from the Town,	1501 09
Do. do. to do	750 33
Balance against the town,	$750 76

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

GENTLEMEN:—The Statutes of the Commonwealth make it the duty of the School Committees, annually to report the condition of the schools under their charge.

The following report is respectfully submitted.

No. of District.	No. of Children between 5 and 15 years.	Whole No. of Scholars in Summer.	Whole No. of Scholars in Winter.	Average attendance in in Summer.	Average attendance in in Winter.	Length of School in Summer—months.	Length of School in Winter—months.	Wages per month in Summer.	Wages per month in Winter.	Amount rec'd by Teachers as pay in Summer.	Amount rec'd by Teachers as pay in Winter.
1	76	59	76	59	*	$2\frac{1}{2}$	$2\frac{1}{4}$	16.67	37.00	41.67	92.50
2	60	50	57	41	$41\frac{19}{35}$	$3\frac{1}{4}$	$2\frac{1}{4}$	16.00	40.00	50.00	90.00
3	37	32	41	23	$34\frac{1}{4}\frac{1}{7}$	3	$2\frac{1}{4}$	12.00	30.00	36.00	70.50
4	34	41	42	$32\frac{1}{2}$	$33\frac{1}{2}$	3	3	16.33	39.00	49.00	90.00
5	37	22	28	$15\frac{11}{20}$	$20\frac{1}{2}$	3	$2\frac{2}{4}$	13.33	32.00	40.00	72.00
6	45	35	*	$28\frac{1}{8}$		3		15.84		47.52	
7	155	116	139	$86\frac{16}{35}$	$108\frac{56}{66}$	3	3	35.00	56.00	105.00	168.00
8	28	35	39	28	31	$2\frac{1}{2}$	$2\frac{3}{4}$	15.00	29.00		79.75
9	37	36	*	$27\frac{10}{07}$		$2\frac{1}{2}$		18.00	35.00	45.00	
10	55		*								
11	43	47	49	$40\frac{4}{7}$	40	$3\frac{1}{4}$	3	18.50	20.00	60.12	60.00

* Winter Schools not closed.

DISTRICT No. 1. The Summer term of this School was taught by Miss Mary D. Williams of this town. Miss Williams succeeded in this school, in giving a good degree of satisfaction, considering the number of scholars and the experience she has had in teaching. She appeared much interested for the welfare and progress of the children, and was unwearied in her exertions for their progress, but the school had not been for some time past so thoroughly disciplin-

ed as could be desired or should be expected, and consequently at the close of the term, all could not be attained by the scholars that might be looked for by the parents and committee.

The Winter School is taught by Mr. Erastus Brown of Easton. The school has been in progress about seven weeks. At the commencement of the school he thought it looked rather discouraging, but soon the prospect seemed brightening, and now they appear to be going on in the right track; the scholar are made to understand what they do and the reason why it is done. It is believed if the school does not answer the expectation of all interested, that no part of the failure will be chargeable to the Teacher.

District No. 2. The Summer School was taught by Miss Orinthia H. Foss, of Maine. She taught this school the preceding summer which is evidence that she gave good satisfaction; but from some cause or other it did not sustain the reputation of the preceding summer school. The order was not fully sustained and consequently failed of giving that entire satisfaction that was anticipated by the committee.

The Winter term was taught by one of the committee. This school doubtless failed of giving the entire satisfaction which could be wished, by the respectable part of community; as the following reasons will conclusively show. In the first place, Report said, the teacher was not right as to his political views to suit some parents, and another strong reason was, that the wages agreed upon were too much; and another still more powerful reason, that the committee had refused to approbate a Teacher at some previous time. This last cogent reason raised a tumult which resulted in calling a few members together to act in form of a school meeting, to prevent the school.

The consequence was as might be expected; a part of the scholars came, not with proper motives, as it is well known that they were prompted to disobedience by others who should have given better advice. As a matter of course some did not obey and were expelled from school. Those expelled were Nathaniel Packard and William G. Ames. They both intimated a desire to fight with the teacher; but as that was not one of the regular branches of study recommended by the Committee, or the Board of Education, it was thought another remedy might answer the purpose. Nor were these the only disobedient ones. Joseph H.Towne, left the School in school

hours without liberty; and one Miss conducted with as much impropriety as any mentioned, although she had enjoyed superior advantages for Learning.

This reputation does not belong to all the scholars by any means; there are as good scholars in this school as in any other, and many made fair progress in their studies. But what could be expected in our school when a part of the parents take such a course.

District No. 3. This School was taught during the Summer Term by Miss Mercy L. Nelson, of Vt. At the various visitations of the Committee, it was evident that the teacher labored industriously for the benefit of the School, and at the examination there was manifestly seen considerable improvement in the various branches of studies; although the order of the school during the term, was not quite so good as could have been desired by the committee.

The winter School was kept by Mr. Martin V. Pratt of this town. Mr.Pratt is a teacher who has had considerable experience in teaching, and understands his business well in the school room. The order of the school was good; and not only the examination, but at other times when visited by the committee, it was seen that the pupils were instructed in a proper manner, and were making rapid improvment in the various branches of study; which was highly satisfactory to the committee.

District No. 4. The Summer term of this school was taught by Miss Elizabeth W. Deans, of this town. At the commencement of this school, it was in a backward state, but with her usual skill in the management of schools it was soon made to assume quite another aspect, and at the close it was evident that the scholars understood what they did, and why it was done.

The winter term was taught by Mr. Rodolphus H. Williams of Norton. Mr. Williams has had long experience in teaching and is well qualified for the duties of instructing and governing. The school made such progress in their studies as to reflect honor to themselves and teacher, and also to give satisfaction to the committee.

District No. 5. The summer term of this school was taught by Miss Anne Le. B. Deans of this town. Although this was the first school kept by Miss Deans, it was conducted in such a manner that many older teachers might do well to imitate. The order of the school was good, and scholars were well instructed when present.—The No. of children in the District are thirty seven between 5 and

15. The school when visited by the committee would vary from 15 to 20. It will be seen that it could not expected all the children in the District to be benefited, while one half of them were kept at home; or sent occasionly; which amounts to about the same as non attendance.

The winter School was taught by Mr. Nathan P. Selee of this town. He has taught school two winters previous in the town; and has not only sustained his former reputation as a teacher, but has made some progress in the art of teaching. The average No. of scholars were between twenty and twenty one; it will be readily perceived that the teacher could not give a thorough knowledge of the branches taught, unless the pupils attend school, and then they must attend more constantly or remain in the background of other schools.

District No. 6. This School was taught in the Summer by Miss Anne M. Hodges of Foxborough. At the first visitation of the committee, the school did not present so favorable an appearance as was desirable, but by perseverance in the teacher the school changed its aspect and the examination gave evidence that the school had made fair progress.

The winter term is taught by Mr. Martin V. Pratt of this town.—This school is now in session, and the committee would expect to see very much accomplished both as to the advancement of the school and also in appearance of it; but to expect the last, or to look for as much of the former as should be accomplished, while the school-house remains in its present condition, would be like tying the feet of the teacher and then require him to run; still he may accomplish great wonders in that old house. It is hoped that the parents will turn out and come to the examination and see.

District No. 7. This School was taught by Mr. Erastus Brown both summer and winter; during the summer term, he had no assistance except from the scholars, although the school was large and required the efforts of two; notwithstanding the scholars made good progress, and the appearance of the school was very much improved. In the winter term, he was assisted by Miss Elizabeth F. Clark of this town. Miss Clark proved herself every way worthy of her station, and it is believed that she gave perfect satisfaction to all. This school being taught by the same teacher for two successive terms, made greater advancement than otherwise would have been the case.

The teacher was thorough in his instructions, and the scholars made rapid advancement in gaining knowledge; although they did not go over as much surface as they formerly had done in the same length of time. The examination was satisfactory, and all that could be anticipated from the school.

District No. 8. The summer term was entrusted to the care of Miss Susan H. Drake, of Stoughton. The appearance of the school at the commencement was in rather a backward state, but by her unwearied perseverance she succeeded in restoring good order, and the scholars made fair progress in their studies. It was evident that she had endeavored faithfully and perseveringly to discharge her duty, and succeeded remarkably well, as it was her first attempt at school teaching.

The winter term was taught by Mr. Edward Selee of this town. Although Mr. Selee has been engaged in but one school previous to the present, yet he succeededed remarkably well. The order of the school was good, and the instruction was such as to be creditable to both teacher and scholars.

District No. 9, The summer term term was taught by Miss Susan A. Clarke of Middleborough. Miss Clarke had previously taught in the same school. She is an experienced and skillful teacher. The order of the school was excellent, and the instruction was such as to give satisfaction to the committee, and doubtless to every member of the District who informed themselves as regards the merits of it. This is one of the most advanced schools in town.

The winter term is not closed.

District No. 10. The summer term was kept by Miss Elizabeth F. Clark of this town, this school labors under some disadvantages in comparison with others in this town. The house is inconvenient besides being very poor in other respets, and the scholars live at such a distance from school that they are often tardy and inconstant. Under such circtnstances no teacher can give themselves satisfaction when their classes are broken up; one half of a class at school one day, and another part the next. If anything is discouraging to a teacher this must be. Notwithstanding all these discouragements, it was evident that the teacher had endeavored faithfully to perform her duty in the instruction committed to her charge.

District No. 11. This school throughout the year has been under the instruction of Miss Myra Fullerton of Abington. In the va-

rious studies taught in the summer, there was entire satisfaction given except Arithmetic, the former standing of the classes was not fulsustained.

The winter term closed in such a manner as to give satisfaction to the committee in each department of the school, and it is presumed, to every member of the district.

Before closing this report and retiring from the field of action, your committee would say, that they have taken a deep interest in the welfare of the schools, and labored perseveringly to elevate if possible the standard of education among them; nor do they think their efforts have been altogether unavailing. They have the satisfaction to believe the schools generally in town, have been better the past year than an average, whenever schools have been visited, and teachers did not understand how to manage them, the committee have endeavored to point out the errors and assist them to start in the right track; in some instances which have occured the teacher has made fair progress; which otherwise would doubtless have failed of giving a tolerable degree of satisfaction. The education of our children is of too much consequence to be sacrificed to prejudice, avarice, self will, or indifference. Let the most competent men be employed as agents, committee, and teachers; let parents, teachers, and all good citizens work together, thus shall we discharge our duty, reap the present rewards of our labor, and transmit to posterity, unimpaired, the same glorious boon we have inherited from our fathers.

AMOS PRATT,
ERASTUS BROWN,
GUILFORD WHITE,
} School Commitee.

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SCHEDULE.

ALMSHOUSE ESTABLISHMENT.

ACCOUNT OF STOCK AT ALMSHOUSE, AS APPRAISED BY THE SELECTMEN, MARCH 1ST, 1853.

13 tons English Hay,	234 00
3 " Meadow "	24 00
1 " Straw,	10 00
1 Horse,	75 00
1 Yoke of Oxen,	120 00
1 " "	95 00
8 Cows,	180 00
2 Heifers,	40 00
2 Calves,	20 00
3 Shoats,	30 00
20 Fowls,	6 67
53 bushels Corn,	47 70
6 " Meal,	5 40
14 " Rye,	14 00
7 " Barley,	5 25
2 " Beans,	4 00
140 " Potatoes,	70 00
80 " Carrots,	20 00
30 " Turnips,	10 00
1 " Onions,	50
2 bbls. Apples,	4 00
23 " Cider,	34 50
3 " Vinegar,	12 00
3-4 " Soap,	3 00
700 lbs. Beef,	49 00
600 " Pork,	60 00
200 " Ham,	20 00
40 " Fresh Meat,	3 20
118 " Butter,	25 96
108 " Lard,	12 96
56 " Candles,	6 72
112 " Dried Apples,	8 96
50 " Soap Grease,	2 50
1000 ft. Pine Boards,	12 00
Total,	1266 32

10856

EXPENDITURES OF THE ALMSHOUSE.

Paid for Grain,	115 71
" Flour,	79 31
" Meat and Fish,	13 52
" Potatoes,	5 80
" Carrots,	10 00
" Groceries,	47 90
" Clothing and Bedding,	72 68
" Furniture,	11 39
" Farming Tools,	10 48
" Grass Seed,	7 00
" Neat Stock,	147 50
" Shoats,	7 75
" Potash,	4 24
" Sundries,	7 86
" Pasturing,	10 00
" Blacksmithing.	22 31
" Splitting and Shaving Hoops,	10 86
" Labor on the Farm,	60 00
" Repairs on Buildings and Farming Tools,	19 00
" Making Cider,	7 92
" Casks,	8 00
" Sawing,	7 13
" Dr. Caleb Swan,	6 83
" Paints and Painting,	9 63
" Coffin for Mrs. Wilbur,	5 00
" Wood bo't of Randall & Goward,	37 50
" David Hervey, Superintendent,	290 00
Hay, Stock &c. on hand, March 1st, 1852,	1068 00
Total,	2104 29

RECEIPTS OF ALMSHOUSE.

By 653 lbs. Butter,	143 26
" Milk,	18 94
" Calves,	25 26
" Steer and Heifer,	50 50
" Shoats,	7 00
" Beef and Pork,	30 54
" Fowls and Eggs,	35 00
" Vinegar, Cider and Apples,	31 50
" Rye,	3 25
" " Straw,	3 75
" Wood,	77 00
" Hoops,	25 31
" Hides,	7 00
" Work done for Individuals,	50 73

" Cash received of Silas Randall,	5 00
" " " Jonas Howard, Pension,	20 00
" " " for State Paupers,	44 10
" due from Bridgewater, for support of Robinson family,	168 09
" Cash received for support of Widow George Wilbur,	40 00
Hay, Stock &c. on hand, March 1st, 1853,	1266 32
	2052 55
Expenditures of Almshouse,	2104 29
Receipts, "	2052 55
Balance against "	51 74

INMATES OF THE ALMSHOUSE.

	Age.	No. weeks
Jonas Howard,	91	52
Bezer Ripley,	82	52
Parnel Bonney,	84	52
James Willis,	73	52
Thomas B. Drake,	67	52
Patience Shaw,	81	52
Hannah Willis,	48	52
James W. Willis,	7	52
Asa Drake,	38	52
Ezra Dickerman,	10	52
Irving "	8	52
Almah "	6	52
Jarius "	4	52
Clarissa Robinson,	35	52
Harriet D. Washburn,	13	52
Ann M. "	5	52
Charles Willis,	60	28
Edward Robinson,	29	4
Ellen "	30	4
John "	5	24
William "	3	24
Samuel Packard,	29	24
Sarah "	24	24
Jedson Gilbert,		7
Eunice Dady,	60	5
Mary Wilbur, died,	83	15
Hosea Fuller,	77	8
John Robinson,	51	1
Absada Blanchard,	23	1
Mary E. Fuller,	4	1
Hannah F. "	2	1
George Wade	12	13

Ann Rafferty,	19	1
Matthew Flarety,	12	9
Cormic Duffee,	40	9

Admitted the past year,	8	Now in the House,	19
Discharged,	14	Males,	12
Died,	1	Females,	7

Average number throughout the year, 20

EXPENSES OF POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Paid W. Bridgewater, for aid to		Sam'l Packard,	16 80
" Sam'l Phillips, Jr.,	"	Dickerman child,	58 62
" Dr. C. Swan,	"	" "	3 10
" Dr. E. Wales,	"	Willard H. Morse,	17 25
" Charles E. Keith,	"	" "	18 29
" John Kimball,	"	" "	26 32
" State Hospital,	"	Lovica Carr,	110 00
" John Kimball,	"	Lemuel Harlow,	9 50
" Cash	"	" "	3 00
" A. R. Borden,	"	A. Boyington, 5 years ago,	2 50
" Newburyport,	"	Seaver Family,	38 00
" James M. Mills,	"	Amasa Phillips,	21 00
" John Kimball	"	" "	1 00
" Amasa Phillips, Jr., Funeral expenses of Amasa Phillips,			8 25
" H. Copeland, for goods for		" "	6 21
" James M. Mills, aid to Polly Keith,			3 00
" Rotheus H. Reed, "	"	"	5 00
" D. B. Wheaton, wood	"	"	4 50
" Town Farm,	"	"	2 37
" Attleboro', aid to Ditson family,			29 65
" John Kimball, aid to Wm. Henry,			7 50
" Dr. Swan,	"	Samuel Phillips, Jr.,	6 00
" J. Kimball,	"	" "	2 69
" D. B. Wheaton,	"	" "	4 50
" James S. Randall, aid for his mother,			3 59
" H. D. Howard,	"	H. Macomber,	2 25
" Dr. Sam'l Deans,	"	Charles Randall,	3 00
" D. B. Wheaton, wood for John Norton,			13 50
" Dr. Swan, aid for Mrs. French,			11 34
" H. Copeland,	"	"	18 00
" Estate D. W. C. Lothrop	"		9 50
" Town Farm,	"		4 75
" Dr. Swan, aid to Ann Rafferty,			4 00
" H. Copeland	"	"	3 85
Due John Smith, aid to Chloe Willis,			26 00
			454 74

APPROPRIATIONS FOR SCHOOLING.

Town Appropriation,	1585 43
State School Fund,	125 06
	1710 49

Divided as follows:—

District No. 1—68	Scholars,	$187 26
" " 2—50	"	158 28
" " 3—32	"	129 30
" " 4—32	"	129 30
" " 5—28	"	122 86
" " 6—38	"	138 96
" " 7-142	"	306 40
" " 8—27	"	121 25
" " 9—31	"	127 69
" " 10—40	"	142 18
" " 11—43	"	147 01
531		1710 49

PAID TOWN OFFICERS.

D. B. Wheaton, Assessor, &c.	52 00
do. Cash Expenses,	31 84
Geo. Hayward, Assessor &c.,	26 00
Horace D. Howard, "	31 00
L. Sheldon, School Committee,	30 00
W. A. Whitwell, "	25 00
Joseph Barrows, "	10 50
Wm. Savage, Constable,	18 00
Joel S. Drake, returning 80 Births,	16 00
" " " 47 Deaths,	7 05
" " " 24 Marriages,	2 40
" " services as Collector &c,	10 00
	259 79

REMITTANCE OF TAXES.

Joel S. Drake, collection for 1851, and 1852,	$8 70	Cornelius Slettery,	$1 28
Alonzo Andrews,	1 28	George Seward,	1 28
Patrick Cain,	1 28	Martin N. Wate,	1 28
Peter Callager,	1 28	Eben. Allen, twice,	1 28
Andrew Cochran,	1 28	Franklin Ames,	1 28
Wm. Delong,	1 28	Josiah White,	1 28
Francis Duffie,	1 28	James Dean,	1 28
Charles R. Foster,	1 28	H. W. Eldridge,	1 28
		A. H. Wood,	1 28

Florus Jennings,	1 28	Michael Cunningham,	2 56
John Kehan,	1 28	Mrs. Olive Randall,	3 70
Dennis Kaley,	1 28	Thomas Shepard,	2 70
Lawrence Leahey,	1 28	James Mathews,	70
John McEvoy,	1 28	Wm. Alger,	25
Philip McDermont,	1 28		
H. N. Martin,	1 28	Total,	$49 33
Patrick Raffesty,	1 28		

EXPENSES OF ROADS AND BRIDGES, IN ADDITION TO THE HIGHWAY TAX.

Paid Horace D. Howard, for removing snow,		$7 30	
" Capt. A. Buck,	" "	3 60	
" Galen Sylvester,	" "	4 00	
" Tisdale Harlow,	" "	5 00	
" Samuel Guild,	" "	5 90	
" John Selee,	" "	3 00	
" Mace Tisdale,	" "	3 72	
" Capt. L. Drake,	" "	4 75	
" Martin V. Pratt,	" "	5 15	
" Charles E. Keith,	" "	1 75	
" D. B. Wheaton,	" "	1 20	
" E. W. Dean,	" "	12 00	$57 41
" for work on Turnpike,		250 00	
" for gravel "		18 97	268 96
" M. V. Pratt, lumber for bridge,			23 50
" Mace Tisdale, work on road,			8 00
" Tisdale Harlow, " "			6 00
" Horace D. Howard, work on bridge,			2 50
			366 38

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid Postage and Express,	$4 08
for recording deed,	42
C. A. Hack, for Printing Report,	18 00
William Smillie, work repairing the hearse,	9 50
Ziba Wilbur, for Guide Boards, &c.	7 00
Tax on Town Farm,	26 10
for Stationery,	2 50
William Reed, lumber for Town Hall,	2 34
Mr. Dailey, lumber and work on Town Hall,	16 59
Town Farm, do. do. do.	2 73
F. S. Monroe, for binding Tax Books,	3 00
Howard Lothrop for attendance County Commissioners,	2 00
	$98 26

RECAPITULATION.

For support of Poor in Almshouse,	51 74
For support of Poor out of Almshouse,	454 74
For support of public Schools,	1710 49
Town Officers,	259 79
Remittance of Taxes,	49 33
Miscellaneous expenses,	94 26
Roads and bridges,	366 38
Total,	$2986 73

We recommend the town to raise, for town expenses, the current year, the sum of eighteen hundred dollars, ($1800); anticipating the building of road near John Ropps.

DANIEL B. WHEATON,
GEO. W. HAYWARD,
HORACE D. HOWARD,
Selectmen of Easton.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

TOWN OF EASTON IN ACCOUNT WITH JOEL S. DRAKE, TREASURER.

1852–53, *DR.*

To paid sundry town orders,	1675 56
County Tax,	540 80
Balance due School districts, 1851,	985 29
School Districts, in part, 1852,	673 04
6 per cent discount on Taxes,	311 62
Easton Band,	90 00
Taxes abated, 1851,	8 70
Do. do. 1852,	40 63
David Hervey, notes and interest,	433 83
Jos. E. Hayward, note and interest,	256 00
John Kimball's store account,	200 00
H. Copeland's do. do.	28 06
John Smith's bill, 1851,	26 00
Balance in hands of Treasurer,	1416 03
	$6685 56

1852–53. *CR.*

By balance of last year's account,	$654 78
Cash of State School Fund,	125 06
Cash received for band	90 00
Do. do. State Paupers,	44 10
Assessors' return for taxes for 1852,	5193 42
Cash rec'd of W. Bridgewater for aid to Chs. Wing,	14 00
Jonas Howard's Pension,	21 80
Income from Mrs. Carr's third,	11 00
David Hervey, on loan,	200 00
Joseph E. Hayward, on loan,	250 00
Cash rec'd for taxes assessed 7 days before town meeting,	7 68
Cash rec'd for support of Wid. Geo. Wilbur,	40 00
Rec'd from D. Hervey, bal. due town,	33 72
	$66 56

Balance in hands of Treasurer, $1416 03

JOEL S. DRAKE, Treas.

Examined and approved,

DANIEL B. WHEATON, GEO. W. HAYWARD, HORACE D. HOWARD, *Selectmen of Easton.*

STATE OF THE TREASURY.

March 1st, 1853.

DR.

Due several School Districts,	1037 45
John Smith,	26 00
David Hervey, on the 6th of April next,	290 00
Parish for rent town hall,	60 00
	$1413 45

CR.

By cash in hands of Treasurer,	1416 03
Am't due from Bridgewater for support of Robinson family,	217 39
Due from Sharon for support of Lemuel Harlow,	25 61
Due from Chas. E. Keith, for town house,	95 00
	1754 03
Total amount due the town,	1754 03
Do. do. from the town,	1413 45
Balance in favor the town,	340 58

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The Superintending School Committee, in presenting their Report, beg leave to offer, in connexion with the account of the state of the schools, such suggestions as they deem for the advancement of popular education. These may not be gratifying to self love, but will be serviceable to the great object for which every good citizen should live, if received in that spirit in which they are submitted.—A true account of the condition of the schools, with what is needed to render them all they should be, can alone make the report of your Committee of any value. With this preliminary remark, a statement of the doings of those, to whom the town has entrusted, during the past year, the oversight of what have not inaptly been called the mines of New England, is here presented.

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE.

The first act of the Committee was to call a meeting of the several Prudential Committees, in order to promote harmony among those engaged in the same work. A majority of the several Districts were represented; and the times fixed for the examination of teachers.

The names of prudential committees are, in District No. 1, Henry Dean, No. 2, Cryus Alger, No. 3, James S. Randall, No. 4, Charles Wade, No. 5, Barzillai Drake, No. 6, John Seelee, No. 7, Marcus Southworth, No. 8, Lorenzo Smith, No. 9, Amos Pratt, No. 10, John Lincoln, No. 11, Charles Morse.

The law requires that these agents shall give the Superintending Committee due notice of the time when the school will begin and when it will close. While most of those, whose names are above mentioned, have complied with the law, there are two or three, who are personally unknown to at least one member of this board.

SCHOOL BOOKS.

The next act of the Committee was to agree upon the text books to be adopted by the schools. The books already introduced were retained with the exception of changing Well's Grammar for Smith's, which had been in use in most of the schools. There is now a uniformity of text books throughout the town; and in most of the studies the best books known to the board. A better Grammar and Spelling Book are needed; and in some Districts outline maps are yet to be introduced. While those interested for the young should see to it that they are supplied with proper implements for mental culture, the great care should be to know that they are properly taught the use of such as are furnished. A good teacher will supply the defects of a poor text book.

EXAMINATION OF TEACHERS.

In order to save expense to the town, as well as to promote their own convenience, the Committee endeavored to have all the candidates for teaching the summer schools present at the same time and place. The effort was only partially successful. In consequence of the difference in time, at which the several schools commenced, and the absence of the teachers from town, only six teachers met on the day appointed. These were examined during the whole of one afternoon; and the candidates were found competent to give instruction in several branches of learning required by law, and received certificates. Had the four other Districts presented their candidates at the same time, four half days would have been saved. It is very desirable that this hint should be regarded, either by beginning all the schools at the same time, or at least by bringing the proposed teacher before the Committee at the fixed time.

After the examination of the teachers, the Rev. Lorenzo White, being about to remove from town, resigned; and his place was filled as the law prescribes, by the selectmen and the remaining members of the Committee; Joseph Barrows Esq., being unanimously chosen to act in his stead.

EXAMINATION OF SUMMER SCHOOLS.

A majority of the Committee has visited each one of the summer schools at the commencement and the close. Besides these visits, every school has been attended by some one of the Committee once a month. These visits are prescribed by law, although their length

is not defined. Your Committee have devoted four hours oftener than three to each visit. In the course of the year, ninety six such visits are recorded. As there are five winter schools, which have not yet closed, at least ten visits more may safely be added to that number already named. From this statment, some estimate may be made of the opinion, which is now to be given of the state of the different schools.

District No. 1 was taught by Miss Susan Clapp of Stoughton.—This school is a large one and in a poor house would be with difficulty kept in order. But having the advantage of a commodious building, the teacher found it easy to preserve good government by exercising a firm and gentle sway over the minds of her pupils.—There was a great promptness in recitation and the clear loud tones and animated countenances betokened careful discipline. The singing which was introduced into this school, no doubt contributed its soothing influence in harmonizing the minds of the members.—There was good improvment in reading and in geography; but the progress made in arithmetic was not so perceptible. The exactness which mathematical studies requires, renders them a valuable discipline to the mind of impatient and heedless youth. Precision as well as the habit of attention may be thus acquired; when the teacher is careful that the principles are understood and the judgment exercised as well as the memory.

By referring to the appended table, it will be seen that the number of absences in this school is great, It was obtained in the following manner. Two girls who did not miss a single day throughout the term, enjoyed sixty six days tuition. By multiplying this number by the number of pupils, the number of days tuition that all the school would have received, had all been equally puctual, is obtained. By multiplying the average number by sixty six and subtracting this product from the product named above, a true account of the number of days lost by the district is found. The half days absences, which many of the Registers have kept, is found by a like process. Whole days only are noted in the table.

The school in District No. 2 was taught by Miss Maria L. Howard, West Bridgewater. The teacher aimed to be thorough in her teachings. She secured the affection of her pupils, and undoubtedly helped them forward to the attainment of knowledge; but unfortunately the low tones in which several of the pupils spoke, detracted

from the credit, which the school would otherwise have obtained.—There was less order than is desirable.

In District No. 3 the teacher, Miss Rossa A. Winship, of West Bridgewater, was a portion of the time sick; and the interruption thus occasioned must be taken into consideration in judging of the improvement of the school. There was not that life and earnestness which is seen in those eager to learn, nor that readiness to answer, which proves that the task had been well conned. The more advanced pupils were not present at the examination. This circumstance in connexion with the illness of the teacher must be considered. There was some improvment in reading, especially in loudness of tone, but little in geography and arithmetic.

It was feared that the teacher in District No. 4, Miss Catherine L. Dunbar, of West Bridgewater, would lack energy, at the first visitation of her school; but the committee were happily surprised to find at their last visit that their fears were groundless. The teacher exerted herself to improve the reading, and to increase the interest of the children in all their studies; and her efforts met with a good degree of success.

Miss Anna LeB. Deanes taught the school in District No. 5 with great acceptance. The school was orderly and the improvement commendable. The number of absences however is very great and indicates a want of punctuality, which should be supplied.

The school in District No. 6 was taught by Miss Sarah W. Talbot of Sharon. Great energy was manifested on the part of the teacher and very marked improvement by the pupils. At the examination several compositions were read; and maps drawn by the pupils, exhibited. There was singing in this school, and the concord of sweet sounds was only one evidence of the mutual good feeling, which existed between teacher and pupils.

The largest school in town and on many accounts the most difficult to manage is that in District No 7. This was under the care of Mr. Erastus Brown and Miss Charlotte A. Clark.

Great thoroughness in teaching and good order in deportment characterized this school. The pupils were well governed and well taught; and the committee have no hesitation in pronouncing this a good school, so far as the teacher is concerned. The great number of absences evinces less care for their children, on the part of parents, than wise guardians ought to cherish.

District No. 8 is this year under the care of Stoughton.

The teacher of District No. 9, Miss Susan A. Clarke of Middleborough taught an excellent school. The order that reigned within the school house and the quiet that prevailed without, denoted the good influence which may be exerted, even beyond the school room, by one apt to teach.

It may be mentioned, by way of contrast with most of the other Districts, though not in itself deserving of praise, that there were six pupils in this school, who had no absent or tardy mark against their names.

In District No. 10 there was a quiet school and docile pupils.—Miss Mary D. Williams, the teacher, did her best to lead the young minds under her charge upward to the light. There was evidence that they were beginning to see, though as yet but imperfectly.

The school in District No. 11, was taught by Miss Elizabeth F. Clark. The reading was very good; and the exercises in arithmetic and grammar gave proof of the pains taken by the teacher; but there was less order than is needed. It is hoped that parents will note the number of absences.

WINTER SCHOOLS.

The examination of teachers for the Winter Schools was a separate one for nearly every individual. In only one instance were two examined at once.

It is inconvenient to the committee and prevents a full report of the schools to have them commence so late in the season. While this report is making, five schools are in session—half the whole number of those, which are to be visited in winter. The account therefore of these schools must be incomplete.

When this report was accepted by the committee, the school in District No. 1 was still in session. At the visit of the committee, Mr. Nahum Tribou Jr., of Middleborough, the teacher, manifested energy and gentleness, and gave promise of a good school. At the monthly visit of the committee, this promise seemed to be so far fulfilled. It is plain however from the absences, herewith recorded, that the classes must often have been broken and the teacher discouraged.

Mr. Nahum Leonard Jr., of West Bridgewater, was the teacher of District No. 2. There was a proper state of feeling existing between the teacher and the taught, and a proper disposition to improve the privileges enjoyed. But it requires time to form fixed habits of subordination and study. A louder tone of voice on the part of the pupils and more energy on the part of the teacher would have improved this school.

The school in District No. 3, under the supervision of Mr. Martin V. Pratt made great improvement. In consequence of a drifting snow storm, the committee were prevented from being present at the examination. It is gratifying to record that twenty six pupils were present, notwithstanding the weather; and that seven are mentioned in the Ragister, who have not whispered.

In District No 4, Miss Elizabeth W. Deanes taught. Great attention was paid in this school to reading; nor were the other studies neglected but thoroughly taught, so that the exercises at the examination did credit alike to the care of the teacher and the attention of the pupil.

It is necessary to observe that besides the two schools, which have been kept in this District, that another has already commenced under the care of Miss Mercy A. Nelson and is going on well.

The school taught by Mr. Nahum P. Selee in District No. 5, was orderly and industrious. The children while in school, made good use of their time. If many of them were absent many times, the fault is not to be charged to the teacher.

The school in District No. 6 has been keeping only four weeks. Under the charge of so approved a teacher as Mr. Martin V. Pratt there is little fear that the pupils will fail to learn.

The winter term of District No. 7 was under the care of Mr. Erastus Brown and Miss Elizabeth F. Clark. The progress made in the several branches of study was worthy of praise. In arithmetic and grammar the improvment was very marked, and in reading still more evident. The order in the school and the quiet during recess prove that the sway of the teacher was effectual for good.

The school in District No. 9, under the direction of Miss Cornelia Basset of Winslow, Me., is during this present writing, still in session. The Register shows a degree of punctuality, which it is hoped, which hereafter will be imitated and exceeded by the other

Districts. During ten weeks, ten pupils have not missed a single half day. Would that there were ten times ten like them in this respect in town. When last visited, the school appeared to be going on well, and we have little doubt that the examination will evince that the teacher has discharged the responsible duties of her office with fidelity. Indeed it would be strange to find order and punctuality in a school managed by an inefficient person.

The same teacher that taught in summer, held that office during the winter term in District No. 10. The school had the same quiet, attentive appearance that it presented in summer. There were no marked defects or excellencies; unless the number of absences be mentioned, and when the remote distances of the houses in the district from the schoolhouse are considered, this may be regarded as an excuse for the fault.

The school in District No. 11 is now under the charge of Miss Mary Ann Ropps. It appeared well when the committee were in it and every thing gave the assurance of a profitable term of study.—The school has been keeping ten weeks, and there are ten pupils from another district, who did not attend the school until the last four weeks. If all their absences be included in estimating the average, it gives an unfair representation of the school. It is presumed they are not, and the circumstance is referred to, to show how much wrong is done by inconstant attendance. Is it right to visit our own sins of omission on a whole District?

GENERAL REMARKS.

The foregoing cursory account of the schools during the past year will convey the impression that they have gone on quietly. This is indeed no praise. It would be disgraceful if this fountain, which has been opened in the wilderness, should pour forth nothing better than the muddy waters of strife. It is for the healing of the nation.—Common schools are our country's hope. "That for which we chiefly live, is the education of the young." Impressed with this truth, your committee have endeavored to instil into the minds of the children they have addressed the importance of order, punctuality, attention. They have sought to lead the young to perceive that it is the exercise of the powers, rather than the stowing of the mind with facts, which is the object of education. They have urged the impor-

tance of being well grounded in the rudiments and of proceeding no faster than a perfect knowledge of the way would warrant. They have not neglected the health of the pupils; still less their moral health. But have sought by counsel, encouragement and warning to incite to well doing and the formation of habits of probity, purity and piety.

To have the faculties developed—the physical, mental and moral, so that all will work in harmony and work for the harmony of all is the aim of early discipline. How much common schools may do for this end has not been fairly proved. They are yet in their infancy; or if they have been long in being, it has been an imbecile, sickly existence in which the powers have been feebly exerted. To awaken the attention of every parent and every citizen to the interest, which he should feel in the healthful condition of these institutions is one object of this report. One fault has at this time been presented, that citizens may concentrate their attention to its correction the coming year. It is the inconstant attendance of children at school. When this is amended, others may be enumerated in future reports. It should never be forgotten that the people can make our schools all that they may and ought to become. Every guardian of youth can do much. First, by insisting that every child under his care shall attend school regularly. This is the right of the child, and no parent or guardian can legally deprive him of it.

Secondly, by visiting the school and learning by actual inspection the condition of the place in which the child passes so many of his waking hours. To take the report of the child, is to make the pupil the school committee. It is to be regretted that more persons have not been present at the close of a term. The teacher needs the encouror of the presence of those, who have committed to his care the dearest object of their love. The pupil needs the approving countenances of his best friends to incite him to exertion. And yet twenty persons, including young men and maidens in large proportion in this number, is the largest recorded in the Registers.

The inhabitants of a district may do much, in a third way for the school, by making its interests paramount to every selfish feeling, every personal animosity. While the present system of dividing the town into districts lasts, there must be mutual forbearance and a true zeal for the best interests of the young, or the schools cannot become the universal dispencers of light they were designed to be. It is in

vain that suitable houses are erected, maps purchased and proper apparatus furnished; it is in vain that teachers and committees labor, if they who ought to be most concerned, and for whom all the outlay of time and money is expended, will not bestow as much attention to the school as they would give to the hireling who is reaping their fields.

The money raised by the town is sufficient to give each of the ten districts a good school during six months in the year. This and a fraction more is the average during the present season. All that is needed is that parents and guardians be faithful. They should never detain a child at home unless imperious necessity requires it, for it is robbery from the child. They should manifest their interest in the schools by visits and not by questions. They should cultivate an acquaintance with the teacher and lead him to feel that he is the guardian not merely of minds, but of hearts and souls, in their most impressible condition.

It is time that the community was alive to the pressing need there is of making our schools far better than they are. Every young person among us should be trained to have a well regulated temper, a chastened disposition, a heart that beats true to the ceasless hymn of duty, in a word, a cultivated character, fitted for every work and fyr every station to whlch he may be called in this land, which professes to offer him, without money and without price, the means of obtaining such a character.

All which is respectfully submitted.

WM. A. WHITWELL,
LUTHER SHELDON,
JOSEPH BARROWS,
} Superindending School Committee.

Easton, February 18, 1853.

TABLE.

No. District.	No. between 5 and 15 in May 1852.	No. of pupils in Summer.	Average number in Summer.	Number of pupils in Winter.	Average number in Winter.	No. under 5 years.	No. over 15 years.	Length of School in Summer—months.	Length of School in Winter—months.	Wages per month—Summer.	Wages per month—Winter.	Amount received by Teachers in Summer.	Amount received by Teachers in Winter.	Amount assigned to District.	Absences, whole days—Summer.	Absences, whole days—Winter.
1	68	62	48	81	62.45	5	11	3	3	$17.00	$33.00	$51.00	$99.00	$187.26	924	1899
2	50	44	35.83	49	42.8	2	9	3	$2\frac{1}{2}$	18.00	36.00	36.50	72,50	158.28	490	250
3	32	35	26	44	38	1	12	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$2\frac{3}{4}$	12.80	30.00	57.60	82.50	129.30	675	330
4	32	31	27	36	28.66	1	6	3	3	14.33	20.00	42.99	60.00	129.30	248	380
5	28	29	18.66	34	25	5	3	3	$2\frac{1}{2}$	14.33	30.00	43.00	75.00	122.86	662	495
6	38	39	35.14	44	42 5	2	7	3	$2\frac{3}{4}$	15.00	31.40	45.00	86.35	138.96	247	30
7	142	115	85.57	118	85.15	8	5	3	3	47.50	53.50	142.50	160.50	306.40	1943	2168
8	*27													121.25		
9	31	31	25.29	34	30.84	4	3	$2\frac{1}{4}$	3	18.00	22.67	40.50	68.00	127.69	283	174
10	40	38	28.31	44	30	3	6	$3\frac{1}{2}$	4	15.00	18.00	52.50	72.00	142.18	697	1120
11	43	55	43.15	62	39.8	1	4	$3\frac{1}{4}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$	16.00	18.00	52.00	63.00	147.01	758	1088
	531	479	372.95	546	425.2	32	66	$31\frac{1}{2}$	30	187.96	292.57	563.59	838.85	1710.49	6928	7934

* This School under Stoughton Committee.

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SCHEDULE.

ALMSHOUSE ESTABLISHMENT.

ACCOUNT OF STOCK AT ALMSHOUSE, AS APPRAISED BY THE SELECTMEN, MARCH 1ST, 1854.

14 tons English Hay,	252 00
3 1-2 Meadow "	28 00
1-2 Straw,	5 00
1 Horse,	75 00
2 Oxen,	130 00
2 Steers,	40 00
1 Bull,	18 00
8 Cows,	184 00
4 Shoats,	40 00
18 Fowls,	6 00
60 bushels Corn,	60 00
8 " Meal,	8 00
1 bbl. Flour,	10 00
5 bushels Rye,	6 25
2 1-2 " Beans,	5 00
50 " Potatoes,	25 00
10 " Carrots,	2 50
65 " Turnips,	21 67
3 bbls. Apples,	8 25
18 " Cider,	27 00
5 " Vinegar,	20 00
1 " Soap,	4 00
500 lbs. Beef,	35 00
300 " Pork,	30 00
175 " Ham,	17 50
20 " Fresh Meat,	1 60
78 " Butter,	17 16
50 " Lard,	6 00
68 " Candles,	8 16
53 " Dried Apples,	4 24
90 " Soap Grease,	4 50
Total,	$1099 83

EXPENDITURES OF THE ALMSHOUSE.

Paid for Grain,	124 90
" Flour,	87 10
" Meat and Fish,	10 88
" Potatoes,	2 07
" Carrots,	4 40
" Groceries,	50 86
" Clothing and Bedding,	58 74
" Furniture,	4 55
" Farming Tools,	22 29
" Grass Seed,	8 68
" Neat Stock,	161 50
" Shoats,	7 00
" Potash,	4 14
" Sundries,	9 20
" Blacksmithing,	22 58
" Labor on Farm,	92 52
" Making Cider,	5 95
" Meadow Grass,	14 00
" Use of Cart,	6 75
" Repairing Cart, Wagon, &c.,	25 29
" Medicine,	1 11
" 2 Coffins,	8 50
" Labor, raising Barn,	27 50
" Stone posts put under Barn,	16 87
" Dr. Caleb Swan,	14 00
" Tax on Town Farm,	27 30
" David Hervey, Superintendent,	275 00
Hay, Stock, &c., on hand March 1st, 1853,	1266 32
	$2359 99

RECEIPTS OF ALMSHOUSE.

By 771 lbs. Butter,	174 83
" Milk,	6 52
" Calves,	42 50
" Beef and Pork,	338 55
" Shoats,	14 25
" Hides,	7 25
" Fowls and Eggs,	16 81
" Candles and Lard,	4 57
" Vinegar, Cider and Apples,	23 00
" Barley,	4 00
" Hay,	3 92
" Wood,	10 00
" Work done on the Road,	132 32
" " " for Individuals,	68 50

" Cash received for State Paupers,	11 34
" " " from Bridgewater for support of Robinson family	20 00
" " " from Plymouth for support of Josiah Drew,	4 06
" Expense of Stone Posts and raising Barn,	44 37
" Going with Hearse to attend 34 Funerals,	34 00
" Hay, Stock, &c., on hand March 1st, 1854,	1099 83
	2060 62
Expenditures of Almshouse,	2359 99
Receipts " "	2060 62
Balance against "	299 37

INMATES OF THE ALMSHOUSE.

Names,	Age,	No. of weeks.
Bezer Ripley,	83	52
Thomas Drake,	68	52
Asa Drake,	39	52
Parnel Bonny,	85	52
Patience Shaw,	82	52
James Willis,	74	52
Hannah Willis,	49	52
James W. Willis,	8	52
Almah Dickerman,	7	52
Jarius Dickerman,	5	52
Ezra Dickerman,	11	26
Irving Dickerman,	9	5
Jonas Howard,	92 died,	11
Matthew Flarety,	13	9
Cormick Duffee,	50	1
Clarissa Robinson,	36	9
Harriet Washburn,	13	10
Ann M. Washburn,	5	10
George Wade,	13	14
Ezra Shaw,	53	47
Polly Keith,	69	50
Jedson Gilbert,	71	1
Josiah Drew,	55	4
Charles Willis,	61 died,	6
Patrick Russell,	21	13
Julia Monroe,	30	1
Lucinda Perry,	29	1-2
Mary Ellen Perry,	10	1-2
William Jerome Perry,	8	1-2
Mary Josephine Perry,	2	1-2

Admitted the past year,	11	Now in Almshouse,	12
Discharged,	16	Males,	7
Died,	2	Females,	5

Average number throughout the year, 14.

EXPENSES OF POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Paid Seth Littlefield for aid to Willard Morse,			13 50
" John Kimball,	"	" "	4 00
" Edmond Lothrop,	"	Mrs. French,	20 00
" Horatio Copeland,	"	"	8 00
" Dr. Caleb Swan,	"	" "	15 96
" Nahum Williams, for aid to Ann Roftery and Child,			7 70
" City of Boston,	"	Jacob Chipman,	8 70
" State Hospital,	"	Lovica Carr,	102 91
" Sally Ann Phillips,	"	Ella A. Dickerman,	39 00
" John Kimball,	"	" " "	1 19
" Horatio Copeland,	"	Amos Wade's Wife,	7 00
" Cyrus Alger, for Coffin & Expenses, Amos Wade's wife,			8 50
" Caleb Keith, for Digging Grave,		" " "	1 50
" Horatio Copeland for aid to John Norton,			8 50
" " " "		George Wade,	12 19
" Dr. Samuel Deans,	"	Charles Randell,	1 00
" Dr. Caleb Swan,	"	Lucinda Drew,	2 50
" " " "	"	Augustus Ripley,	92
" Stilman Lincoln,	"	" "	0 00
" Dr. A. D. Bacon,	"	Chloe Willis,	2 25
Due John Smith for aid		" "	26 00
Paid Sam'l Simpson for funeral expenses of Robert Saunders,			10 00
Due Dependence French for aid to Otis & Sydney French			13 00
" Oliver Ames & Sons for aid to Andrew Callahan,			6 50
Paid John Kimball for aid to Noah White,			2 62
			343 44

APPROPRIATIONS FOR SCHOOLING.

Town Appropriation,	1500 00
State School Fund,	124 99
	1624 99

Divided as follows:

District No.	1—65	Scholars,	175 98
" "	2—41	"	128 30
" "	3—31	"	122 60
" "	4—23	"	110 04

" "	5—32	"	124 17
" "	6—33	"	125 74
" "	7–147	"	304 79
" "	8—30	"	121 03
" "	9—30	"	121 03
" "	10—39	"	135 16
" "	11—46	"	146 15
	517		$1624 99

PAID TOWN OFFICERS.

George W. Hayward, Assessor, &c.,	45 17
" " " Cash Expenses,	11 24
Nahum Williams, Assessor, &c.,	31 00
" " Cash Expenses,	5 24
Cyrus Alger, Assessor, &c.,	30 50
" " Cash Expenses,	4 62
William A. Whitwell, School Committee,	35 00
Luther Sheldon, " "	11 50
Charles E. Keith, " "	5 00
Edward W. Dean, Constable,	13 10
William Savage, "	5 75
John Kimball, returning Births,	17 00
" " " Deaths,	7 20
" " " Marriages,	7 00
Jonathan Pratt.	50
John Torrey.	50
	$230 32

EXPENSES OF ROADS AND BRIDGES,

IN ADDITION TO THE AMOUNT APPROPRIATED BY ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

Paid John Rops, repairing bridge and moving wall,	10 25
" Ambrose H. Randell, building bridge,	11 48
" John F. Lincoln, moving wall,	33 50
" Arguile Phillips, building 139 rods road,	278 00
" Tisdale Harlow, " 40 " "	122 00
" Andrew I. Leighton, moving wall,	32 85
" Charles E. Keith, building 146 rods road,	248 20
" Benjamin A. Russell, moving wall,	12 00
" Thomas Shepherd, " "	10 00
" Snow Bills for 1852 and 1853,	16 23
" February 1854, To Daniel Edson, clearing snow,	2 00
" " " Daniel A. Clark,	1 00
" " " Lucius Howard,	15 80
" " " David Hervey,	8 50

"	"	"	Jonathan Pratt,	14 95
"	"	"	Horatio Copeland,	16 55
"	"	"	Asa R. Howard,	11 60
"	"	"	Daniel Keith, Jr.,	11 20
"	"	"	Charles E. Keith,	8 90
"	"	"	Caleb Keith,	3 20
"	"	"	Tisdale Harlow,	20 00
"	"	"	Jesse Willis,	7 80
"	"	"	Nahum Williams,	9 05
"	"	"	Frank Phillips,	4 40
"	"	"	Dwelly Goward,	6 40
"	"	"	D. B. Wheaton,	31 20
"	"	"	John Selee,	19 80
"	"	"	Alson Gilmore,	15 69
"	"	"	Lincoln Drake,	24 50
"	"	"	Thomas Howard,	1 30
"	"	"	Ansel L. Randell,	1 40
"	"	"	Amasa Phillips,	1 00
"	"	"	H. D. Howard,	3 45
"	"	"	Seba Howard,	4 50
"	"	"	Samuel Guild,	4 40
				$1023 10

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid Congregational Parish for use of Hall,		60 00
" Thomas B. Drake, to pay for Newspaper,		2 25
" C. A. Hack, for Printing Report,		22 50
" John Greely, for damage to Chaise in consequence of defect in highway,		15 00
" John Selee, for surveying Town Farm and services as committee on Grist Mill Green, &c.,		13 06
" C. A. Hack, for printing Valuation,		77 50
" Basset & Reed, for services in Bridgewater and Sharon Pauper cases,		7 33
" for Guide boards and posts,		2 53
" Lewis Williams, services surveying town Farm,		1 00
" Wade Dailey, for lease of Gravel hill 75 years,		43 00
" For recording leases,		1 50
" Galen Manley, for lease of Gravel hill 11 years,		20 62
" David Hervey, building road to Gravel hill,		40 00
" Postage and Express,		2 20
" for Stationery,		2 44
" A. M. Ide, for printing and advertising,		1 50
" H. W. Church & Co., bill of Grain &c., delivered to Alvin Drake, 1850,		14 37
" Howard Lothrop, as committee on Grist Mill Grain,		2 50
		$330 30

RECAPITULATION.

For support of Poor in Almshouse,	299 37
" " " out "	343 44
" " Public Schools,	1624 99
Town Officers,	230 32
Roads and Bridges,	1023 10
Miscellaneous expenses,	330 30
	3851 52

SALE OF LIQUOR BY TOWN AGENT.

Paid for Liquor, &c.,	381 21
" Agent,	50 00
	431 21
Received for sale of Liquor,	470 58
Balance,	39 37

We recommend the town to raise for town expenses the current year, the sum of two thousand dollars, ($2000) anticipating the building the road from Eben Randell's to North Bridgewater.

GEORGE W. HAYWARD, NAHUM WILLIAMS, CYRUS ALGER, } Selectmen of Easton.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

TOWN OF EASTON IN ACCOUNT WITH JOHN KIMBALL, TREASURER.

1853—54.

To paid sundry town orders,	2188 41
" County Tax,	540 80
" State Tax,	402 00
" Balance due School Districts, 1852,	1037 45
" School Districts in part, 1853,	880 44
" Six per cent on Taxes,	362 41
" Order for Military services,	396 00
" Road Commissioners,	1512 89
" John Smith's bill, 1852–53,	26 00
" Joel S. Drake, Taxes abated 1852,	17 06
" John Kimball, do. do. 1853,	88 26
Balance in hands of Treasurer,	603 74
	$8055 47

1853–54. *CR.*

Received of Joel S. Drake, Treasurer, 1852,		1416 03
"	William H. Frost, for License to peddle,	8 00
"	Sharon for support of L. S. Harlow,	25 61
"	Income from Mrs. Carr's thirds,	12 00
"	Bridgewater for support of Washburn family,	207 33
"	State School Fund,	124 99
"	Charles E. Keith for Town House,	98 80
"	David Hervey for Stone posts,	16 87
"	Town Agent, profits of Liquor Trade,	39 37
"	J. Kimball for Cash received 1852,	66 23
"	Assessors return for Taxes, 1853,	6040 24
		$8055 47

JOHN KIMBALL, Treasurer.

STATE OF THE TREASURY.

MARCH 1, 1854.

DR.

Due several School Districts,	744 55
" John Smith,	26 00
" David Hervey, on the 1st of April next,	275 00
" Parish for rent of Town Hall,	60 00
" Dependence French,	13 00
	$1118 55

CR.

By Cash in hand of Treasurer,	603 75
Due from State for Military services,	396 00
	$999 65
Balance against the Town,	118 80

ROAD COMMISSIONERS REPORT.

To Alson Gilmore,		
For 12 1-2 days services viewing roads, buying gravel &c.,	12 50	
For Horse and Wagon,	9 25	$22 25
To Daniel B. Wheaton,		
For 13 1-2 days services viewing roads, buying gravel &c.,	13 50	
For Horse and Wagon,	9 25	22 75
To Tisdale Harlow,		
For 10 1-2 days services viewing roads &c.,	10 50	
For Horse and Wagon,	3 30	13 80
Scraping roads, picking stones, mowing bushes, &c.,		192 44
Paying B. C. Dunbar for breaking scraper,		2 50
" T. Harlow for graveling road,		9 16
" " " by G. C. Newcombs,		13 67
" " " south towards furnace,		25 41
" Tertius Buck, 40 loads gravel put on,		10 00
" Daniel Keith Jr., Job of work,		11 30
" Abial Edson, " "		20 00
" D. Hervey and L. Howard, 584 loads gravel put on,		175 70
" Isaac Lothrop, 235 " "		49 35
" Charles E. Keith, 30 " "		12 00
" D. B. Wheaton, 140 and rounding same,		56 60
" M. V. Pratt, 210 loads gravel put on,		45 00
" A. R. Howard, 290 " "		24 94
" D. B. Wheaton, 700 loads on Goward road,		249 51
" A. Gilmore, by M. Meeting house 161 loads put on,		50 00
" J. Dickerman, on Bridgewater road,		10 00
" Branch Turnpike 821 loads gravel put on,		227 09
" Taunton & Boston Turnpike 599 loads gravel put on		164 65
" A. Gilmore, rounding road and 10 loads near B. line,		7 50
" H. Copeland, 60 loads gravel put on,		13 00
" A. Gilmore, 20 loads gravel near F. Howard's,		5 00
" A. R. Howard, repairs to bridge by E. W. Dean's		23 70
To paying for 1516 loads of gravel,		55 66
		$1512 89

And we recommend for the Town to raise the sum of fifteen hundred dollars to be expended on the highways the ensuing year.

ALSON GILMORE,
TISDALE HARLOW,
DANIL B. WHEATON,
} Road Commissioners of Easton.

Easton, Feb. 23d, 1853.

TABLE.

No. District.	No. between 5 and 15 in May 1853.	No. of pupils in Summer.	Average number in Summer.	Number of pupils in Winter.	Average number in Winter.	No. under 5 years.	No. over 15 years.	Length of School in Summer—months.	Length of School in Winter—months.	Wages per month—Summer.	Wages per month—Winter.	Amount received by Teachers in Summer	Amount received by Teachers in Winter.	Amount assigned to District.	Absences, whole days—Summer.	Absences, whole days—Winter.
1	65	54	44	52	44	2	9	3	$3\frac{1}{2}$	$18.00	$35.00	$54.00	$115.00	$175.98	660	240
2	41	40	30.67	52	37.5	2	11	3	$4\frac{3}{4}$	12.00	16.00	57.00	86.35	138.30	590	1063
3	31	26	22.4	42	33.4	1	10	$2\frac{1}{2}$	$2\frac{1}{2}$	16.00	30.00	40.00	75.00	122.60	180	430
4	23	38	25	31	25	7	3	$3\frac{1}{2}$	3	16.00	16.00	48.00	48.00	110.04	780	360
5	32	23	18.8	28	23.5	5	$2\frac{1}{2}$	$2\frac{1}{2}$	$2\frac{1}{2}$	17.00	28.00	42.50	70.00	124.17	201	220
6	33	33	27.5	40	30	2	8	$3\frac{1}{2}$	$2\frac{1}{2}$	16.00	32.00	48.00	80.00	125.74	341	50
8	147	130	99	157	123	7	5	3	3	36.00	51.17	108.00	155.13	304.79	2046	2244
8	30	36	30.9	44	34.33	3	8	$2\frac{1}{2}$	$2\frac{1}{2}$	10.00	25.50	25.00	62.50	121.03	255	479
9	30	29	23.3	33	24.7	1	1	3	3	14.00	23.00	42.00	69.00	131.03	373	546
10	39	42	27	43	26	4	6	3	3	13.80	32.00	41.40	93.00	135.16	990	1142
11	46	57	48	59	44.5	9	5	$3\frac{1}{4}$	$3\frac{1}{4}$	20.00	23.00	65.00	74.75	146.15	595	943
	517	508	396.17	581	445.73	43	66	$31\frac{3}{4}$	33	188.80	311.67	470.90	928.73	1624.99	7011	7647

REPORTS

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The Superintending School Committee, in presenting their annual report, beg leave to state that the account herein given of the Schools, is derived from their own observation during three visits to every school, of three hours each. It is to be presumed, that at these visits there was no disguise, and that the Committee saw the usual deportment of teachers and pupils. Children are not ordinarily arch deceivers, nor is it possible for a number of them to be engaged throughout a half day in their usual employments, without exhibiting their customary demeanor. At any rate, it is for the Committee to report what they saw and heard. The facts presented to their senses may differ from statements made by those who have used only the ears and eyes of childhood. It is mortifying to be compelled to premise this, but if parents will not examine for themselves, it is to be expected that they will heed the reports of their children rather than that of those who are not members of their families. The vital interests of Society demand the personal inspection and oversight of the best minds in the community and the hearty co-operation of all.

SUMMER SCHOOLS.

EXAMINATION OF TEACHERS.

The teachers who presented themselves for examination, were Miss S. Clapp of Stoughton; Miss D. S. Thayer of North Bridgewater; Miss Mary D. Williams, Miss Mary J. Clarke of West Bridgewater;

Miss Elizabeth F. Clark, Miss S. W. Talbot of Sharon; Miss Anna C. Clarke of Providence, R. I.; Miss Garrie B. Howard of West Bridgewater; Miss Abby W. Wild, Miss Susan H. Drake of Stoughton; Miss Elizabeth W. Deanes.

These teachers received certificates and commenced their schools in the month of May, or in the first week in June. Either the influences of the season, or some cause more potent operates to produce quiet in our summer schools. Their harmony is seldom disturbed by any discord; and it is rare that complaints reach the ears of the Committee, of inattention on the part of the teacher or of disorder on that of the pupil. Is it that the lambs of the flock are so gentle, or is it that they are so small that they are deemed of no consequence? Certainly there is a wide contrast between the school in the same district in summer and winter; and it would be well for the older pupils and their parents to inquire what makes the difference.

EXAMINATION OF THE SCHOOLS.

Every school was visited either three or four times by one member of the board, and efforts were made to excite a love of learning and to impress upon the minds of the children the value of their privileges. How much good the anecdotes and incidents narrated and the hints given had upon the minds of the children time alone can determine.

The table appended will show that the attendance has been regular compared with the attendance during the winter; the difference between the average and the whole number not exceeding seven in a majority of the schools.

The account, which follows, though expressed briefly, gives the state of the schools as they appeared to the Committee.

The school in District No. 1 was taught by Miss Susan Clapp. So many pupils were collected that it was feared at the second visit that order would not be maintained; but this fear was happily dispelled at the examination, when there was satisfactory evidence that the children were well taught and well governed. The school was, as it deserved to be, commended by the Committee. The number of visitors present at the examination was twenty two

District No. 2 contains a hard school to manage. Under the care of Miss D. S. Thayer there was no difficulty. Her energy secured good government and her method of teaching awakened the attention of the pupils, so that the foundation was laid for a thorough school in future, if the proper teacher should be selected. The number of visitors present at the examinatlon was six.

The school in District No. 3 was so quiet that a dove made it frequent visits without being disturbed and without disturbing the routine of the different classes. Miss Mary D. Williams did her part well as a teacher, and the children made satisfactory improvement. There were thirty visitors, besides the Committee, present at the examination.

The school in District No. 4, taught by Miss Mary J. Clarke, was tolerable, that is, it could be endured if no better could be obtained, but there was not such good order, nor so great progress as should have been manifested. Four visitors were present at the close of the school.

Miss Elizabeth F. Clark, teacher in District No. 5, was thorough in her teaching and maintained good government. This small school made satisfactory improvement, and received the approbation of the Committee. There were six visitors at the examination.

If the school in District No. 6 did not satisfy the expectations of Miss Sarah W. Talbot, the teacher, it was not from want of effort and energy on her part. She did her best; and there was commendable improvement in reading and arithmetic, and little to censure but want of application on the part of the pupils. Ten visitors were present at the close of the term.

Miss Anna C. Clarke labored hard to make the school good in District No. 7, but want of tact prevented her from disciplining the hundred and thirty under her tuition as they should be. The readers spoke in too low a tone; the writing was poor, and order had gone abroad. Four visitors were present at the examination.

Very few schools that your Committee have visited exceeded in thoroughness, progress and order, the school in District No. 8, taught by Miss Garrie B. Howard. There was every thing to commend in the whole management of the school, and the District that shall hereafter secure her services may deem itself fortunate.

There were ten children in this school who did not miss a single half day through the term. The number of visitors at the examination was six.

The school taught in District No. 9 by Miss Abby W. Wild, was not above mediocrity. There was some improvement, but the subordination of the pupils was imperfect. Four persons present at the examination.

Miss Susan H. Drake taught the school in District No. 10 There was not much to commend highly, nor much to condemn in the conduct of this school. More energy on the part of the teacher was desirable. Four visitors were present at the close.

The reputation of the teacher employed in District No. 11, Miss E. W. Deanes, gave promise of a good school, and no reasonable hopes were disappointed. If the meaning of education be to bring out the powers, then the teacher of this school took the very means to develope the understanding, memory and judgment without neglecting the affections and the taste. The teachers in some of the other schools have been advised to visit this school, and none could do so without profit.

WINTER SCHOOLS.

EXAMINATION OF TEACHERS.

During the three afternoons fixed by the Committee, all the candidates for teaching, who had not taught in our summer schools, were examined. It would be well if they who employ and they who examine the candidates were the same persons, for then it would be known where the responsibility rested. At present, an individual may have the requisite literary qualifications and yet not be apt to teach, or he may not pass a satisfactory examination the first time he comes before the Committee, but afterwards may pass in a manner not to be objected to, although if the selection of teachers rested with the Committee, one examination would be final.

INSUBORDINATION.

There has been a spirit rife in several of our schools, which should be noticed and checked by every good citizen. This is the spirit of

resistance to authority, an unwillingness to submit to control. Most boys in their teens have more or less of it; and it may be fostered or repressed by their guardians. It is worth while to inquire what is the cause of this unruly spirit in our schools. In some cases it proceeds from want of good government in the teacher; in others from want of parental government. Generally, it will be found that they who rebel at school, are rebellious at home. The parent, who encourages his son to disturb a school, deserves to be under the despotism he is doing his part to establish. Wholesome discipline and salutary punishment are necessary, and there can be no government either in families or schools without them.

The kind of punishment and the mode of administering it, must depend upon the discretion of the teacher. A wise parental care is the feeling to be cherished by the teacher, a disposition resembling that of the filial should be that of the pupil. But, if the child's filial affections have never been cultivated, what hold has the teacher upon him? He may try to win him by kindness, or to coerce him by power. If these means fail and the youth continues rebellious, the only course remaining is to deprive him of the privilege of attending school. No two or three rampant youngsters ought to be allowed to spoil a school.

EXAMINATION OF SCHOOLS.

The school in District No. 1 is still in session, under the care of Mr Hiram A. Pratt. When visited it was orderly and the teaching thorough, and gave promise of being one of our best schools.

It was well for District No. 2 that the services of Miss D. S. Thayer, who succeeded so well in summer, were secured for the winter. She taught a good school, and demonstrated that it is not the sex but the character of the teacher that excites attention and induces a love of propriety of conduct in school. There was no mumbling, no evasion of duty observable, but ready and intelligent answers and a quiet deportment. It is gratifying to be able to make this report of a school, which has not been remarkable for these traits in past years. The writing in this school was unusually good. Three of the pupils did not miss a single half day.

The school in District No. 3 was taught by Mr Hiram A. Pratt. The children made good improvement and the teacher confirmed the

reputation given him of being an efficient and thorough disciplinarian.

Miss Sarah E. Hitchcock of Norton taught the school in District No. 4. This teacher had the requisite literary qualifications to keep a good school, but she did not secure enough of the respect of her pupils to urge them on in the path of improvement as far as they should have gone, so that the school was not above mediocrity.

In District No. 5 Mr Bushrod Morse taught. So far as the Committee noticed, this school was well managed and the children made commendable improvement.

The teacher in District No. 6 may have lacked energy but he had the other requisites of a good instructor. In a school, in which the children were anxious to learn, there was every opportunity to receive information; and the older members of the school, whose conduct was exemplary, made a good use of their privileges. In others, there was an appearance of an indocile disposition, approaching to sullenness and in such a frame of mind they could receive no benefit from any teacher.

The large school in District No. 7 was under the charge of Mr. S. S. Bass, of Jay, Maine. The teacher labored hard and inculcated many useful truths on minds ready to receive them; but such was not the disposition of a majority of the minds of the pupils. A want of tact or of judgment in the teacher produced disorder and disrespect; and in such a state of things no school can be profitable.

Mr. Richmond Selee taught the school in District No. 8, and an excellent school it was. There was a thoroughness and promptness highly creditable to the teacher and the taught. Every exercise gave evidence of unanimity and co-operation, which it was refreshing to observe.

The school in District No9. was taught by Miss Anna L. B. Deanes. The teacher did her part to make this a good school; and if firmness and gentleness united with a thorough knowledge of the branches taught could have commanded respect and a desire for improvement, they would have been manifested in this school. They did appear to a considerable extent and a very good degree of improvement was made. But an unmanly spirit of misrule, which feared to show itself by any overt act, cramped the energies of the teacher and prevented the school from taking the high rank it would have reached had the pupils been rightly disposed.

Mr. Samuel F. Upham, of New Bedford, taught the school in District No. 10. A very good school was made of this, although the materials at the outset were not very promising. There was good order, no whispering, and audible recitations, which did credit to all concerned. It is to be hoped that the step taken this winter will be the commencement of an onward march of improvement.

Miss E. W. Deanes, who taught in District No. 11, in summer, continued her services through the winter term. It is rare to find a better school than this was. Few children have made more progress in good learning than the members of this school. There was a life and vivacity about the recitations that dispelled weariness, and made the hours glide by so rapidly that the usual time for closing had passed before some of those present were aware of it. The reading was particularly good.

GENERAL REMARKS.

It will be seen from the foregoing that all our schools are not what they ought to be. Many things must conspire to have a good school permanently in a district. In the first place, there must be harmony; for if there be differece of opinion in regard to the management of schools, or in respect to the teacher to be employed, the children will be sure to hear of it and to take sides. Secondly, nothing should be said prejudicial to the teacher. For the time he is employed he stands in the place of a parent and should be respected as such. Thirdly, the child who is not governed at home must submit, and his parents must submit to his being governed in school. Fourthly, there should be an interest manifested at the fireside in the studies of the children. Fifthly, there should be that spirit of benevolence, which in the language of Burke, "Not contented with reigning in the dispensation of happiness, during the contracted term of human life, strains with all the reachings and graspings of the vivacious mind to extend the dominion of its bounty beyond the limits of nature, and to perpetuate itself through generations of generations as the guardian,

the protector, the nourisher of mankind." With this enlarged spirit of charity, our schools will flourish.

The new Statute of 1853 gives towns the liberty of resigning the care of schools into the hands of the Superintending Committee. It is for this town to determine whether it will dissolve the district system and give the whole control to the Committee, or whether it will manage the schools as heretofore. The tendency of the efforts of educators at the present time is to abolish the district system; as the last report of the Secretary of the Board of Education will show.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM A. WHITWELL,
LUTHER SHELDON,
CHARLES E. KEITH,
} *Superintending School Committee.*

February 24, 1854.

REPORTS,

OF THE

SELECTMEN,

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

ROAD COMMISSIONERS,

AND TREASURER,

OF THE

TOWN OF EASTON,

For the year ending March 1st, 1855.

TAUNTON,
C. A. HACK, BOOK AND JOB PRINTER, 3 MAIN STEET,
1855.

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For the year ending March 1st, 1855.

TAUNTON.
C. A. HACK, BOOK AND JOB PRINTER, 3 MAIN STEET,
1855.

SCHEDULE.

ALMSHOUSE ESTABLISHMENT.

ACCOUNT OF STOCK AT ALMSHOUSE AS APPRAISED BY THE SELECTMEN, MARCH 1ST, 1855.

16 tons English Hay,	288 00
4 1-2 " Meadow "	36 00
1-2 " Straw,	5 00
1 Horse,	75 00
2 Oxen,	140 00
2 Steers,	65 08
8 Cows,	184 00
3 Shoats	36 00
29 Fowls,	9 67
65 bushels Corn,	65 00
3 " Meal,	3 00
3 " Rye,	4 50
7 " Barley,	7 00
3 " Beans,	6 00
90 " Potatoes,	54 00
3 " Carrots,	75
50 " Turnips,	16 67
1 bbl. Flour,	12 37
15 " Cider,	22 50
6 " Vinegar,	24 00
1 " Soap,	4 00
450 lbs Beef,	31 50
300 " Pork,	30 00
250 " Ham,	25 00
50 " Butter,	11 00
88 " Lard,	10 56
13 " Candles,	1 56
75 " Dried Apples,	6 00
90 " Soap Grease,	4 50
22 " Tallow,	2 42
20 " Mackerel,	1 60
	$1182 60

EXPENDITURES OF THE ALMSHOUSE.

Paid for Groceries,	54 02
" Grain,	106 00
" Meat and Fish,	26 72
" Clothing and Bedding,	40 17
" Potatoes,	4 01
" Soap,	9 61
" Grass Seed,	5 09
" Sundries,	6 24
" Medicine,	35
" Flour,	87 87
" Labor on Farm,	67 56
" Furniture,	10 00
" Repairing Buildings,	11 23
" Farming Tools,	4 86
" Making Cider,	4 94
" Wagon Hire,	2 12
" Repairing Ox Wagon,	6 52
" Chopping Wood,	9 22
" Neat Stock,	170 00
" Standing Wood,	30 40
" Coffin and Robe,	7 00
" Blacksmithing,	22 82
" Tax on Town Farm.	27 68
" Caleb Swan, for Medical Aid,	12 22
" Hannah Willis, for work,	6 18
" Silas V. Clapp, Superintendent,	100 00
Due " "	100 09
" Hannah Willis, for work,	32 82
Hay, Stock &c. on hand, March 1st. 1854,	1099 83
	$2065 48

RECEIPTS OF ALMSHOUSE.

By 352 lbs. of butter,	84 33
" Milk,	14 80
" Calves,	48 35
" Beef,	165 95
" Shoats,	18 12
" Hides,	7 60
" Fowls and Eggs,	16 42
" Candles and Lard,	4 40
" Vinegar Cider and Apples,	14 79
" Hay,	103 38
" Turnips and Parsnips,	14 54
" Potatoes,	11 69
" Beans,	3 25

" Wood,	15 00
" Straw,	1 16
" Braiding Straw,	9 00
" Cow,	32 00
" Soap Grease,	3 66
" Old Iron,	82
" Stone Posts,	1 33
" Work done for individuals,	118 81
" Cash received from Plymouth for support of Josiah Drew,	10 06
" Work on road,	27 87
" " on Cemetery,	4 00
" Going with Hearse to attend thirty three funerals	33 00
" Removing State Paupers to State Almshouse,	7 00
Hay, Stock, &c., on hand March 1st. 1855,	1182 60
	$1953 93
Expenditures of Almshouse,	2065 48
Receipts,	1953 98
Balance against "	$111 55

INMATES OF ALMSHOUSE.

Names.	Age.	No. weeks.
Bezer Ripley,	84	52
Thomas Drake,	69	52
Asa Drake,	40	52
Parnel Bonny,	86 died	46
James Willis,	75	52
Hannah Willis,	50	52
James W. Willis,	9	23
Patience Shaw,	86	52
Almah Dickerman,	8	52
Jarius Dickerman,	6	52
George Wade,	14	12
Polly Keith,	70	52
Josiah Drew,	56	3
Daniel Gorman,		1-2
Judson Gilbert,	72	4
Eunice Dadey,	63	2

Admitted the past year,	4	Now in Almshouse,	12
Discharged,	3	Males,	7
Died,	1	Females,	5

Average number through the year, 10 3-4.

EXPENSES OF POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Paid John Kimball for aid to Sally Ann Phillips,	2 64
" Dr. Caleb Swan, " "	3 78
" funeral charges "	8 50
" Mrs. Wade and Mrs. Phillips for Dickerman child,	39 00
" John Kimball, clothing for "	4 32
" " aid to Mrs. Shepherd Godfrey,	5 00
" Dwelly Goward, " Charles Randall,	4 00
" John Kimball, " "	1 00
" John Smith, " Chloe Willis,	26 00
" Stilman Lincoln " Augustus S. Ripley,	52 00
" Dr. Caleb Swan " "	13 74
" O. Ames & sons, funeral charges of Andrew Callahan,	10 00
" Dependence French, support of Otis & Sydney French,	52 00
" State Hospital aid to Lovica Carr,	116 43
" Joseph A. Randall, aid to Willard Harlow,	10 00
" City of Newburyport, aid to Seaver family,	71 27
" John Bates aid to Abiah Manley,	35 50
" Town of Fairhaven, for aid and funeral charges for Eliza Ann Carrol and child,	50 74
" Thaxter D. Hervey, for wood for H. French family,	17 50
" Dr. Caleb Swan, aid to " "	15 18
" Horatio Copeland, " " "	12 97
" " " " Almira Drew,	7 28
" Dr Caleb Swan, " "	1 50
" Horatio Copeland, aid to Wm. Blanchard,	19 50
	$579 85

APPROPRIATIONS FOR SCHOOLING.

Town Appropriation,	1500 00
State School Fund,	124 99
	$1624 99

Divided as follows:

District No. 1,	154 25
" " 2,	134 85
" " 3,	122 70
" " 4,	117 01
" " 5,	109 53
" " 6,	124 36
" " 7,	353 58
" " 8,	115 05
" " 9,	115 05
" " 10,	119 95
" " 11,	158 66
	$1624 99

EXPENSES OF ROADS.

IN ADDITION TO THE AMOUNT APPROPRIATED BY ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

Paid Asa R. Howard, for graveling new road, near John Ropps,	19 00
" Marshall Mannings, gravel for new road,	2 50
" John D. White for land and moving fence,	17 00
" Charles Thayer, " "	7 33
" Lewis M. Thayer " "	10 00
" Howard Marshall " and fencing,	50 00
" Jesse Willis, for land and moving fence,	53 00
" Charles Keith in part for building road,	500 00
" Phineas Randall, for land, fencing, damage and gravel,	200 00
" B. Drake and S. A. Newcomb, 1854,	2 75
" James Dickerman for clearing snow, 1854,	11 75
" Elijah Gay, " " "	1 00
" Samuel Simpson, " " 1854-55,	4 43
" Horatio Copeland, " " "	3 31
" Horace D Howard, " " "	5 45
" George W. Hayward, " " 1855,	2 94
" Daniel Edson, " " "	1 75
" Timothy G. Marshall, " " "	3 50
" Lucius Howard, " " "	5 00
" Tisdale Harlow, " " "	6 05
" Archipas Buck, " " "	2 05
" Daniel Keith Jr. " " "	1 75
" Asa R. Howard, " " "	1 00
" Daniel B. Wheaton,	1 00
" Charles E. Keith,	1 00
" Hiram Keith,	6 70
" Lincoln Drake,	6 00
" Alson Gilmore,	2 75
	$929 01

PAID TOWN OFFICERS.

George W. Hayward, Assessor &c.	48 79
" cash expenses,	16 73
Horace D. Howard, Assessor &c,	34 50
" cash expenses,	6 05
Elbridge G. Morse, Assessor &c.	34 25
" cash expenses,	10 24
William A. Whitwell, School Committee,	30 00
Luther Sheldon, " "	29 00
Joseph Barrows, " "	6 50

Augustus W. Lothrop, Constable,	5 07
Abijah W. Packard, "	10 50
John Kimball, returning 75 Births,	15 00
" " 45 Deaths,	6 75
" " 68 Marriages,	6 80
	$260 18

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid Congregational Parish, for use of Hall,	60 00
" Thomas B. Drake, to pay for News Paper,	2 00
" C. A. Hack, for printing Report &c,	27 50
" John Selee, for Surveying, Planing &c,	7 25
" Alson Gilmore " "	7 25
" George Clapp, as Committee on Mill Green,	11 75
" Postage and Express,	3 19
" Stationery,	75
	$119 69

RECAPITULATION.

For support of Poor in Almshouse,	111 55
" " " out of "	579 85
" " of Public Schools,	1624 99
Town Officers,	260 18
Roads,	929 01
Miscellaneous Expenses,	119 69
	$3625 27

We recommend the town to raise, for town expenses, the current year, the sum of twenty five hundred dollars, $2500.

GEORGE W. HAYWARD, HORACE D. HOWARD, ELBRIDGE G. MORSE, } Selectmen of Easton.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

TOWN OF EASTON IN ACCOUNT WITH JOHN KIMBALL, TREASURER, 1854-55

To paid sundry town orders,	2266 37
" County Tax,	130 91
" State Tax,	402 00
" John Smith's bill,	26 00
" Order for Military services,	465 50
" O. Ames & sons, 2 years rent of Armory,	120 00

" balance due School Districts,	733 76
" School Districts in part,	940 63
" John Kimball, taxes abated,	133 72
" six per cent on taxes,	376 15
" Road Commissioners,	1653 40
Balance in the Treasury,	226 27
	7974 71

1854-55. *CR.*

Balance in the Treasury, March 6, 1854,	603 75
Received of State for Military services, 1853,	396 00
" " Rent of Armory, 1853,	30 14
" " State Paupers,	24 99
" Sharon for aid to Willard Harlow,	3 00
" T. G. Marshall money paid Worcester Hospital,	8 00
" State School Fund,	124 08
" " for Military services, 1854,	465 50
" " for rent of Armory, 1854,	50 00
" Assessors, return for taxes,	6269 25
	7974 71

JOHN KIMBALL, Treasurer.

Examined and Approved;—

GEORGE W. HAYWARD, HORACE D. HOWARD, ELBRIDGE G. MORSE, } Selectmen of Easton.

STATE OF THE TREASURY

MARCH 1ST, 1855.

DR.

Due School Districts,	695 15
" Silas V. Clapp, 1st of April, 1855,	100 00
" Hannah Willis, " "	32 82
" Parish, for rent of Town Hall,	60 00
" Charles E. Keith, in June next, about	420 00
	1307 97

CR.

Cash in hands of Treasurer,	226 27
Due from Roxbury for aid to Wm. Blanchard,	19 50
" " Plymouth, for aid to Almira Drew,	8 78
	254 55
Balance against the town,	1053 42

ROAD COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

To Alson Gilmore, for six days services viewing roads, and selling the graveling of same,		7 50
To do. for horse and wagon six days,		7 50
To Tisdale Harlow for five and one-half days' viewing roads,		6 88
To do. for horse and wagon four days,		5 00
To Daniel B. Wheaton, six & one half days' viewing roads,		8 13
To do. for horse and wagon five and one-half days,		7 37
Scraping roads, picking stones, mowing bushes, &c.		133 92
Repairs to Bridges,		203 00
To Dan W Heath, graveling road, 50 loads,		16 00
" Daniel H. Pratt,	242 "	67 70
" Asa R. Howard,	400 "	94 40
" Horatio Cōpeland,	130 "	37 50
" Edmund Lothrop.	170 "	59 00
" D. B. Wheaton,	168 "	67 20
" Tisdale Harlow,	174 "	68 60
" Barzillai Drake,	100 "	25 00
" Charles E. Keith,	100 "	27 50
" Cyrus Alger,	44 "	9 68
" Silas V. Clapp,	78 "	22 62
" Alson Gilmore,	387 "	119 59
" Williams & Marshall,	60 "	25 20
" Nathan Willis,	70 "	12 60
" Calvin Marshall,	177 "	51 30
" George W. Hayward,	46 "	11 65
" Larnard Williams,	104 "	26 60
" David Hervey,	197 "	41 79
" Asa R. Howard, repairs on roads,		45 42
" Abial Littlefield, " "		20 00
" D. B. Wheaton, " "		27 65
" Alson Gilmore, " "		12 25
" Tisdale Harlow, " "		186 19
" paying for 1244 loads gravel,		45 76
" work on road by Marcus Packard,		73 00
" 22 rods of new road by J. F. Lincoln,		65 78
" S. A. Newcomb and George W. Smith, on road,		14 12
		1653 40

And we recommend for the town to raise the sum of Eighteen Hundred Dollars, to be expended on the Highways, Townways and Bridges, the ensuing year.

ALSON GILMORE,
TISDALE HARLOW,
DANIEL B. WHEATON,
} Road Com. of Easton.

Easton, March 1st. 1855.

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The Superintending School Committee beg leave to report that, during the past year, they have made a hundred visits to the schools, given certificates to twenty teachers, reported the number of children in town between the ages of five and fifteen, besides holding several meetings to deliberate on questions submitted to their decision.

It is to be hoped that their labors have not been altogether useless. Although the shortness of the schools and the change of teachers, in the selection of which your committee have no choice, prevent that improvement which might reasonably be expected from the amount of money expended. It is a question worthy of consideration, if it would not be an advantage to break up the present district system, which has been abolished in very many towns in the State, and, in lieu of it, establish five or six schools, supported by the town, the teachers of which should be hired by the Superintending School Committee. It is certain that the schools would be longer, better teachers could be procured, and some of them might be induced to teach the same school for a series of years. But such a change cannot be generally made until enforced by statute. Under the present system, the Committee have endeavored to do what they could for the improvement of the schools, by pursuing the following course. First, by a faithful examination of those designing to teach, then by an attentive hearing of the recitations, and lastly by remarks to the pupils calculated to promote praiseworthy endeavor.

EXAMINATON OF TEACHERS.

To know the qualifications of candidates the Committee first dictate a paragraph from some standard author. If the person examin-

ed, is able to spell and punctuate correctly what has been written, in a legible hand, it is fair to infer that he possesses some knowledge of grammar and orthography, besides being able to write. If he cannot write an ordinary sentence without gross blunders, the presumption is that he is not fit to teach.

The Committee then propose questions in Grammar, Arithmetic, Geography and Physiology. Being fully aware that one may be as learned as an encyclopedia, and yet be both unfit and unable to impart this learning, the examination proceeds with inquiries to discover if the individual before them be apt to teach, what methods he takes to maintain authority, and to bring out the faculties of the pupil. It is true one can have no positive evidence how well fitted for teaching a person may be, until he has actually taught, still it is a satisfaction to learn the sentiments of the candidate; and the questions proposed may suggest hints to him who is desirous of teaching.

The extensive influence, which a teacher may exert on the morals and happiness of those about him, the precious gift he bestows on a family when he restores a child capable of improving itself eternally, the new ideas which he may introduce into a district, or town, evince that great care should be taken to prove him qualified for the station he designs to fill. For it is not too much to say that industry, good manners, general well being, peace and public order are the slow, but certain fruits of a good direction given to the early education of children.

VISITATION OF THE SCHOOLS.

The Committee have usually devoted three hours to each visit. Their object has been to note the conduct of the teachers and the pupils. It is of prime importance that the teacher should have authority. The subjection of the governed to the will of one man, in such a way that the expression of his will must be the final decision of every question, is the only government that will answer in school, or in family. The teacher should be mild and gentle in his manners; in his intercourse with his pupils he will use the language and assume the air not of stern authority, but of request and persuasion. But there must be authority at the bottom to sustain him, or he can do nothing successfully, especially in attempting to reach the hearts of his pupils. If we wish to influence favorably the hearts of others, our own must rise above the troubled waters of irritation and anxious

care. There can be no moral education without authority and very little intellectual instruction deserving the name.

That our schools have all been governed in such a manner, as to keep virtuous principle always in the battle, so fortified that she shall always conquer, is more than can be said. The great evil has been that the requisite authority, which comes from weight of character, has in many cases been wanting. Still, order has been maintained, and the usual routine of the schools has gone on without interruption. How much more moral discipline the children would have received from an ascendancy, which would have secured their affection and confidence, while it induced them to strive to be quiet and submissive need not be stated. To teach a child to govern himself there must be authority. Perhaps the most suitable effort to be first made is to form habits of self-control in regard to the general order and stillness of the school-room. The Committee have labored to enforce this, as well as to promote an attention to good manners and general morality.

To examine the manner in which the pupils are trained, to note whether only the memory is exercised and a mechanical process gone through, or if the mental faculties have been brought into play by a searching analysis, which reveals the elements and principles of the science studied, has been the object of the Committee. They have sought to foster a love of learning, and to awaken a laudable desire to acquire knowledge.

REMARKS.

In what has been said to teachers the remarks have been generally in private. To the pupils, the object has been to give a correct notion of education, to awaken earnest endeavor to understand, to discriminate, to attend and to decide. The Committee have not forgotten that the dearest interest and solicitude of parents were those they addressed, and they endeavored to preserve and prepare the future welfare of families by directing the young to the source of all wisdom and love. Impressed with the conviction that the mild and gentle in spirit, kind and conciliatory in temper and conduct, and submissive to proper authority, are not the natural characteristic of Americans, your Committee have exerted themselves to inculcate the peaceful virtues of social life. For without them, this extended government over our immensely varied country will soon become a very unstable equilibrium of the fierce elements of whirlwind and

storm. That the superstructure of social virtue ought to stand on the foundation of religious principle, by which is meant strong personal affection for the great Creator, few will deny. That this principle should be inculcated on the minds of children, our law provides.

In visiting the schools at their commencement, middle and close, the Committee give the following opinions of the manner in which they have been conducted.

SUMMER SCHOOLS.

District No. 1. This school was taught by Miss Susan C. Hall, of Mansfield. It appeared well. Good order, a thorough training and mild government were its characteristics.

District No. 2. Miss Josephine A. Randall was the teacher. She kept good order and taught words very well, but did not exercise the powers of reason and judgment, so much as that of memory. With more experience this teacher will do better. As it was, the school deserves the credit of being quiet and attentive.

District No. 3. Miss Garrie B. Howard of West Bridgewater, guided and governed the pupils of this school. In consequence of the absence of the Committee from town, this school was not visited at its close. It was, however, visited three times while in session. The order of the school, the care of the teacher to exercise the faculties of the children, and her thoroughness in teaching are worthy of distinguished commmendation.

District No. 4. Miss Julia F. Bartlett of West Bridgewater, presided over this school. Here the neat dress, the cheerful countenances and prompt answers of the pupil betokened a well disciplined school. As such it deserved and received the commendation of the Committee.

District No. 5. Miss Lemira Drake. This was a well taught school. The young teacher showed tact in government and in the art of teaching; and gained the confidence and respect of her pupils.

District No. 6. Miss Elizabeth F. Clark. A good attention had been given by the teacher to the several studies, and the school had made commendable progress and would have appeared, at the examintion, to great advantage, had not some boys, who had attended only a small portion of the term, acted in a disorderly manner, and excited the others to be noisy.

District No. 7. Misses Harriet C. and Louisa J. Southward, of Stoughton, had charge of the two schools in this district. The upper school appeared orderly, and the teacher endeavored to explain what was studied, but there was not so much proficiency as might have been expected, nor so much as there probably would have been, had the school continued longer than two months. The lower school was well managed and well taught in all respects.

District No. 9. Miss Almira H. Cobb of Carver. The pupils exhibited a very good deportment, and the teacher a commendable zeal to impart instruction—a good examination, satisfactory to the Committee, was the result.

District No. 10. Miss Martha A. Trowbridge, of Newton Corner. This school was small and the children for the most part young, but the appearance of all was orderly and evident improvement was made.

District No. 11. Miss Myra Fullerton of Abington. The teacher took care to guide by firmness and gentleness, and succeeded in teaching an acceptable school.

WINTER SCHOOLS.

The School in District No. 1, was taught by Mr. Edward Selee. There was quiet attention to the duties of the school and a good degree of progress made in the branches taught. The good order and neat appearance of the pupils and their ready replies to the questions showed that they had been under good discipline.

In District No. 2, Mr. L. H. Pratt, commenced a school in January, which is still in session. The teacher seemed to be zealous and the pupils docile when visited by the Committee, and there is every reason to expect that the time and money here expended will not be wasted.

It is a fact, worthy of imitation, that there are twenty-nine who write compositions in this school.

The teacher in District No. 3, was Edwin D. Howard. The exercises in Geography and Arithmetic were very commendable, the writing was good and the reading tolerable. Order was well maintained and a good spirit prevailed between the teacher and the taught.

District No. 4, had Miss Bartlett, the same teacher employed in the summer term. This small school which was well managed, became still smaller from sickness, so that at the examination there was not a moiety left. Those, who were present, went through the exercises of reading, Arithmetic and Geography and showed that they had improved.

Mr Leonard Selee, taught in District No. 5. This was a small school not very far advanced, but one in which commendable progress was made, and a right spirit prevailed.

The school in District No. 6, under the care of Mr. Bushrod Morse of Sharon, was visited twice by the Committee. A violent snow storm prevented their presence on the day of examination. The school appeared better than it had done for a year past. The reading showed improvement, and the order was noticeable. There were some advanced far in Arithmetic, who seemed to be earnestly engaged, and the classes in geography appeared interested in the study. The school was under better subordination and made more improvement than the past year's experience gave occasion to hope.

The school-house in District No. 7, has been remodelled, so as to contain two schools. The upper school was taught by Mr. Joseph Barrows, one of the Committee. The other members hesitate not to say that the school was restored from an insurbordinate state, and carried on with a degree of skill and judgment, which evinced what the pupils in this school could attain, when guided by a wise and earnest instructor. The exercises at examination showed thorough drilling and were creditable alike to teacher and taught.

The lower school consisting of abecedarians and children just commencing to read, was under the care of Miss Abby Savage. The pupils were prompt in their answers, sang with energy and seemed to have made as much progress as children of their age do generally. It would be well if this department were supplied with some simple apparatus to catch the eyes, and awaken the attention of those, who are obliged to remain "cabined, cribbed, confined" for six mortal hours. A numerical table, blocks of wood, cut into the various geometric figures and pictures, that are true pictures, of animals, of remarkable edifices, and of scenes that are truly praiseworthy would do much to bring out the powers of the young immortal.

In District No. 9, Miss Judith J. Derrick, of Nantucket taught. The teacher was thoroughly qualified in all the knowledge requisite for a much higher school, than that in this district, but she misunderstood the character of those with whom she had to deal and gave more liberty than was for the good of the pupils. The teaching was thorough, but the order not what is desirable.

Mr. Samuel F. Upham of New Bedford, was teacher in the school in Dist. No. 10. He had perfect control of it, and exerted a good degree of that authority, which has been alluded to in this report. Guiding by firmness and love, appealing to the highest motives and leading the pupils to a knowledge of themselves and their duties. Although there were none very far advanced, yet all appeared familiar with what they had studied. The order of the school was excellent, and the recitations very satisfactory.

In District No. 11, Miss Alvira D. Burdon of Sutton, taught. This school was excellently taught. The children were well drilled in Arithmetic, Grammar, and Geography. The reasons for things were given and the principle of analysis thoroughly carried out, as it is desirable to have done in all schools. The reading was very good, and the singing commendable. The only draw-back to unqualified praise was some whispering and restlessness, which indicated less order on the day of examination than was consistent with the progress made, if the disorder had been habitual.

It showed an interest in the schools, which it is hoped will prevail throughout the town, that twenty-four persons were present at the examination.

SCHOOL HOUSES.

There are several School Houses which need to be remodelled, or new ones built. It is surprising that the large District of No. 11, should be content to send the hope and joy of the families year after year into a house not made for a school-house, and which is wanting in comfort and convenience. The buildings in Nos. 10, 9 and 6, are old and belong to a different age from the present. If the present system of district schools is continued, there must be either renovation, or a loss of what tends to the improvement of the manners and correct taste of the young.

In this connection it is pleasing to notice what has been done in the way of building in No. 7. The house has been changed from a one story structure, to a building of two stories. It is spacious, warmed by a furnace, well ventilated, and every way fitted for the purpose for which it was designed.

There are only two clocks to be found in all the schools in town. Several districts are without outline maps. Globes are rare articles, and apparatus generally is not to be found.

GENERAL REMARKS.

It would be hardly graceful for the present board, whose term of office is soon to expire, and who may be succeeded by others more efficient, but not more devoted to the best interests of society, to speak of the defects of the schools in town. That they are not what they ought to be, every one that has looked into the mattter must admit. Our youth ought to be prepared for the duties of active life without leaving their native place. At present only the rudiments are taught, and they not always in the best manner. Parents must take a deeper interest in the studies and mental habits and moral predilections of their children. They should visit the schools, become acquainted with the teacher and sustain his efforts by honest encouragement. Allow no child to report the state of the school, but visit it for yourself—govern your children at home, and do not leave it to a stranger to break in the untamed. Feel that danger threatens the country, if the nurseries of the future virtue and piety of the land be neglected. The stern unbending spirit of freedom, which prevails, needs the discipline of moral and religious education. There is danger, great danger, that the half-educated will confound right with wrong, and place intellectual power before the christian graces.

In conclusion, the Committee would say that they have been deeply interested in the duties devolving upon them. They have felt that our common schools are our country's hope, and that he who delivers living, immortal spirits from the dungeon of ignorance, and crowns them with the light and liberty of the sons of God, rears to himself a monument more imperishable than brass or marble. The future of our country depends upon our youth. Their educators are making that future. Your Committee have felt their responsibleness. The

task imposed upon them has been a laborious, and at the same time a pleasant one. They have done what they could, and now cheerfully resign their trust.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. A. WHITWELL, } *Superintending*
LUTHER SHELDON, } *School*
JOSEPH BARROWS, } *Committee.*

Euston, Feb. 28, 1855.

TABLE.

No. District.	No. between 5 and 15 in May 1854.	No of pupils in Summer.	Average number in Summer.	No. of pupils in Winter.	Average number in Winter.	No. under 5 years.	No. over 15 years.	Length of School in Summer—months.	Length of School in Winter—months.	Wages per month—Summer.	Wages per month—Winter.	Amount received by Teachers in Summer.	Amount received by Teachers in Winter.	Amount assigned to District.	Absences, whole days—Summer.	Absences, whole days—Winter.
1	56	53	40	45	33.6	4	3	3	$2\frac{1}{4}$	$18.00	$40.00	$54.00	$ 90.00	$154.25	858	540
2	46	36	26.9	57	51.1	1	6	$2\frac{3}{4}$	3	15.00	35.00	41.25	105.00	134.85	330	198
3	32	31	27.1	34	29.8	1	6	$2\frac{1}{2}$	$2\frac{1}{2}$	18.00	30.00	45.00	75.00	122.70	200	210
4	27	33	25	29	20	4	1	3	3	19.00	21.00	57.00	63.00	117.01	528	594
5	27	29	21.8	33	27.4	5	3	$3\frac{1}{4}$	2	16.00	30.00	52.00	60.00	109.53	468	303
6	35	38	30	40	31.9	0	9	$2\frac{1}{4}$	$2\frac{1}{2}$	20.00	33.20	41.25	83.00	124.36	360	405
7	170	164	102	118	82	2	8	$2\frac{1}{4}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$	21.00	40.00	52.80	182.00	353.58	2790	2520
*8	28													115.05		
9	34	25	20.5	30	26.9	0	6	$2\frac{1}{8}$	$2\frac{3}{4}$	17.00	24.00	36.50	66.00	115.05	212	186
10	37	36	23.9	35	29	1	5	3	$2\frac{1}{4}$	14.00	36.00	42.00	81.00	119.95	726	300
I1	39	54	45	54	41	6	3	3	3	21.00	24.00	63.00	72.00	158.66	540	780
	521	499	362.2	475	372.7	24	50	$27\frac{1}{3}$	$26\frac{3}{4}$	$179.00	$313.20	$484.80	$877.00	*1624.99	7012	6026

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SCHEDULE.

ALMSHOUSE ESTABLISHMENT.

ACCOUNT OF STOCK AT ALMSHOUSE AS APPRAISED BY THE SELECTMEN, MARCH 1ST, 1856.

13 tons English Hay,	260 00
1 1-2 " Meadow "	13 50
1-4 " Straw,	2 50
1 Horse,	70 00
2 Oxen,	150 00
2 Steers,	90 00
7 Cows,	175 00
1 Bull,	20 00
4 Shoats,	44 80
34 Fowls,	13 60
75 bushels Corn,	75 00
4 " Meal,	4 00
10 " Rye,	15 00
6 " Beans,	12 00
109 " Potatoes,	54 50
3 " Carrots,	75
70 " Turnips,	23 33
600 lbs. Beef,	42 00
275 " Pork,	34 37
240 " Ham,	28 80
125 " Fresh Meat,	10 00
4 bbls. Vinegar,	16 00
14 " Cider,	28 00
4 " Apples,	8 00
1-2 " Soap,	2 00
90 lbs. Dried Apples,	8 10
60 " Butter,	16 80
54 " Candles,	7 02
25 " Tallow,	2 75
98 " Lard,	12 74
75 " Soap Grease,	3 75
	$1244 31

400	pounds Salt Pork, at 13 cts.,		52 00
200	"	Ham, at 13 cts.,	26 00
40	"	Fresh Beef, at 10 cts.,	4 00
20	"	Dried Apples, at 12½ cts.,	2 50
26	"	Butter, at 27 cts.,	7 02
35	"	Candles, at 15 cts.,	5 25
20	"	Tallow, at 12½ cts.,	2 50
100	"	Lard, at 16 cts.,	16 00
75	"	Soap Grease, at 5 cts.,	3 75
			$1390 74

EXPENDITURES OF ALMSHOUSE.

Paid for	Groceries,	$64 53
"	Grain,	142 17
"	Meat and Fish,	18 78
"	Clothing and Bedding,	39 81
"	Flour,	84 50
"	Furniture,	10 77
"	Labor on Farm,	123 64
"	Farming Tools,	2 10
"	Tax on Town Farm,	29 22
"	for repairing Buildings,	9 54
"	Soap,	8 89
"	Grass Seed,	7 60
"	Salt,	6 94
"	Tin Ware,	4 05
"	Blacksmithing,	26 81
"	Potatoes,	1 47
"	Carrots,	2 00
"	Cart and Wagon Hire,	2 95
"	Medicines,	1 23
"	Making Cider,	1 23
"	Expense to Brighton,	2 08
"	Coffin and Robe,	6 25
"	Digging Grave,	1 00
"	Buffalo Robe,	4 50
"	1 Yoke of Oxen,	126 00
"	1 Bull,	21 00
"	2 Heifers,	47 00
"	1 Cow,	24 00
"	Sawing Lumber,	1 86
"	Wood,	5 50
"	Hay,	4 50
"	Sundries,	3 00
"	Caleb Swan, for Medical Aid,	4 25
"	Due Silas V. Clapp, April 1st,	200 00
"	Hannah Willis, for work,	39 00
"	Hay, Stock, &c., on hand March 1, 1856,	1244 31
		$2332 48

By	279 pounds Butter,	$69 74
"	Milk,	26 14
"	Calves,	36 10
"	Meat,	27 84
"	Shoat,	6 50
"	Hides,	12 54
"	Fowls and Eggs,	23 91
"	Candles,	2 28
"	Lard,	5 32
"	Vinegar, Cider and Apples,	24 59
"	Hay,	5 50
"	Turnips,	5 99
"	Potatoes,	11 72
"	Beans and Corn,	1 19
"	Onions,	4 55
"	Dried Apples,	3 12
"	Wood,	33 50
"	Straw,	4 62
"	Soap Grease,	2 00
"	Sundries,	8 25
"	Two Cows,	62 00
"	One Yoke of Oxen,	178 76
"	Work done for individuals,	135 86
"	" clearing road of snow,	10 21
"	Boot between Cattle,	55 00
"	Plymouth, for support J. Drew,	2 86
"	Aid to Mrs. Hayden,	2 25
"	removing State Paupers,	2 50
"	going with Hearse to 23 Funerals,	23 00
Hay, Stock, &c., on hand, March 1st, 1857,		1390 74
		$2178 58

Expenditures of Almshouse,		$2332 48
Receipts	" "	2178 58
Balance against	"	$153 90

INMATES OF ALMSHOUSE.

Names.	Age.		No. Weeks.
Thomas B. Drake,	70	died.	12
Asa Drake,	42		52
James Willis,	77		52
Hannah Willis,	52		52
James W. Willis,	11		10
Patience Shaw,	85		52
Alma Dickerman,	10		52
Jarius Dickerman,	8		52
Ella Dickerman,	5		52
George Wade,	16		52
Polly Keith,	72		52

Names.	Age.	No. Weeks.
Eunice Dadey,	65	3
Otis French,	60	30
Josiah Drew,	58	3
Willard H. Morse,	46	2½
Asenath Morse,	39	6½
Eliza A Morse,	16	5½
Lysander C. Morse,	12	6½
Sarah E. Morse,	9	6½
Elbridge G. Morse,	6	6½
Alba Willis,	73	4

Admitted the past year, 9; Discharged, 4; Died, 1; now in Almshouse, 16; Males, 9; Females, 7; average number through the year, 11.

EXPENSES OF THE POOR OUT OF THE ALMSHOUSE.

Paid Drake & Goward,	aid to	Jack Carroll,	$10 00
" Town Farm,	"	Mrs. Hayden,	2 25
" Edmund Curtis,	"	"	5 50
" Stillman Lincoln,	"	Augustus S. Ripley,	52 00
" Dr. Swan,	"	" "	1 50
" Dwelly Goward,	"	Charles Randall,	9 00
" Drake & Goward,	"	" "	12 00
" " "	"	Noah White,	16 98
" O. Ames & Sons,	"	" "	6 40
" Abijah Tisdale,	"	" "	4 00
" " "	"	Alba Willis,	8 00
" D. Ames & Sons,	"	" "	5 00
" Wid. D. French,	"	Children,	44 50
" Newburyport,	"	Seaver family,	39 50
" John Smith,	"	Chloe Willis,	26 00
" State Hospital,	"	J. W. Marshall,	149 64
" " "	"	Cordelia Ames,	101 17
" Nathan Monk,	"	Patty Randall,	8 50
" H. Copeland,	"	Nancy Wade,	5 00
" Dr. Swan,	"	" "	2 00
" " "	"	H. French's family,	23 00
" H. Copeland,	"	Wm. Blanchard,	4 75
" Lucius Howard,	"	Mrs. Batchelder,	2 75
" H. Copeland,	"	" "	7 00
" " "	"	Mrs. Hanneford,	5 50
" " "	"	Alpheus Dean,	4 00
" Drake & Goward,	"	Willard Morse,	3 96
" Mansfield,	"	" "	2 00
" North Bridgewater,	"	" "	10 00
" Foxboro,'	"	" "	31 00
" Fairhaven,	"	J. Carroll's family,	126 30
" Mrs. Sarah Mills,	"	Charles T. Torrey's family,	4 50
			$733 70

$142 50 of the last three items was expense incurred previous to March 1st, 1856.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR SCHOOLS.

Town Appropriations,	$1800 00
State School Fund,	117 88
	$1917 88
Divided as follows:	
District No. 1,	167 18
" " 2,	169 36
" " 3,	138 84
" " 4,	137 76
" " 5,	130 12
" " 6,	138 84
" " 7,	419 38
" " 8,	138 84
" " 9,	142 11
" " 10,	153 01
" " 11,	182 44
	$1917 88

EXPENSES OF ROADS.

		Appropriations.	Snow Bills.
District No. 1.	H. T. Mitchell,	$105 00	$149 44
2.	Thaxter D. Harvey,	187 75	81 25
3.	Jonathan Pratt,	131 25	95 08
4.	Edward D. Williams,	105 00	72 37
5.	Galen Sylvester,	110 25	89 76
6.	James Britton,	162 75	115 65
7.	Oliver Ames,	135 25	63 90
8.	Jason Tinkham,	99 75	38 66
9.	William Reed,	120 75	67 37
10.	Charles E. Keith,	147 00	94 79
11.	Lincoln Drake,	62 00	83 48
		$1366 75	$951 75

EXPENSES ON ROADS AND BRIDGES IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE.

Paid Macey Tisdale, for building Road near John F. Lincoln's,	$277 65
" Macey Tisdale, for Land Damage,	3 00
" Apollos Lincoln, "	3 00
" Chas. E. Keith, for building Road near J. Willis's,	46 63
" George B. Carr, Land Damage,	25 00
" E. Brett, "	10 00
" Joseph H. Marshall, gravelling Road, &c.,	35 50
" H. R. Healey, for Gravel,	3 00
" Frank Keith, for work on Road,	5 00
" George W. Hayward, "	2 00
Amount carried forward,	$410 78

Paid Charles Hayward, work on Beaver Dam Road,		20 00
" Zelotus Buck,	" Bridge,	17 00
" Charles E. Keith,	" "	49 65
" H. T. Mitchell,	" "	33 36
		$530 79

PAID TOWN OFFICERS.

George W. Hayward, Assessor, &c.,	$47 50
" " Cash expenses,	14 63
Joel S. Drake, Assessor, &c.,	33 00
" " Cash expenses,	3 25
Hiram Williams, Assessor, &c.,	30 75
" " Cash expense,	4 81
Joseph Barrows, School Committee,	24 50
" " Cash expenses for printing Blank Certificates and Notices, &c.,	8 96
Harrison Pool, School Committee,	18 00
Thomas F. Davidson, "	16 00
Augustus W. Lothrop, Constable,	17 75
William Lothrop, Police, at Muster,	6 00
Chas. H. Crumett, " "	6 00
Alfred Pratt, " "	6 00
John Carr, " "	6 00
Abijah W. Packard, " "	4 00
Rotheus H. Reed, " "	2 00
John Kimball, collecting, recording, and returning Births, Marriages, and Deaths,	31 30
	$280 45

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid Congregational Parish for use of Hall,	$60 00
" C. A. Hack, for printing Report, &c.,	23 00
" " " 1855,	8 75
" Alson Gilmore, Surveying,	2 00
" Postage and Express,	1 79
" Stationery,	1 47
	$97 01

RECAPITULATION.

For support of poor out of Almshouse,	$733 70
" " in "	153 90
" Public Schools,	1917 88
" Town Officers,	280 45
" " Appropriations for Roads,	1366 75
" Roads and Bridges, addition to above,	530 79
" Clearing roads of snow,	951 75
" Miscellaneous expenses,	97 01
	$6032 23

the sum of Three Thousand Dollars.

GEORGE W. HAYWARD,
JOEL S. DRAKE,
HIRAM WILLIAMS,
} *Selectmen of Easton.*

REPORT OF THE LIQUOR AGENTS.

Liquor received of Wm. S. Andrews, former Agent,	$110 83
Barrels, Measures, Faucets, &c.,	13 60
Paid for Liquors,	737 38
" Salary of Agents,	50 00
" Interest on Capital invested,	17 00
	$928 81
Received for Liquor,	$865 63
Stock of Liquor on hand,	48 85
Barrels, Measures, &c., on hand,	17 60
	$932 08
Balance in favor of the Town,	$3 27

March 2d, 1857. DRAKE & GOWARD, *Agents.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

TOWN OF EASTON IN ACCOUNT WITH JOHN KIMBALL, TREASURER.

DR.

To paid sundry orders,	$4015 40
" County Tax,	901 03
" State "	804 00
" J. G. Newcomb, Note and interest,	439 68
" Order for Military Services,	378 00
" Rent Town Hall,	60 00
" J. Kimball, Notes and interest,	1022 84
" Charles L. Britton, " "	309 00
" Six per cent. on all Taxes,	494 23
" Balance due School Districts,	880 99
" School Districts, in part,	972 67
" John Kimball, Taxes abated, 1853,	1 50
" " " 1854,	30 04
" " " 1856,	21 56
" A. A. Rotch, " 1855,	77 82
Balance in the Treasury in Cash and uncollected Taxes,	755 85
	$11,164 61

CONTRA, CR.

By Balance in Treasury, March 1st, 1856,	$955 55	
Received of Charles L. Britton, on loan,	300 00	
Amount carried forward,	$1255 55	

EXPENDITURES OF ALMSHOUSE.

Paid for Groceries,	$ 65 73
" Grain,	119 75
" Meat and Fish,	22 61
" Clothing and Bedding,	63 72
" Potatoes,	1 83
" Soap,	10 01
" Grass Seed,	1 20
" Sundries,	3 76
" Medicine,	1 01
" Flour,	80 25
" Labor on Farm,	100 87
" Furniture,	19 05
" Repairing Buildings,	10 17
" Farming Tools,	26 52
" Making Cider,	8 36
" Repairing Ox Wagon,	3 45
" Neat Stock,	96 25
" Wood,	125 50
" Coffin and Robe,	12 25
" Blacksmithing,	25 99
" Tax on Town Farm,	30 96
" Caleb Swan, for Medical Aid,	10 00
Due Silas V. Clapp, Superintendent,	175 00
" Hannah Willis, for work,	29 00
Paid for schooling,	2 25
Hay, Stock, &c., on hand March 1st, 1855,	1182 60
	$2238 09

RECEIPTS OF ALMSHOUSE.

By 232 lbs. of Butter,	$ 85 60
" Milk,	16 55
" Calves,	39 10
" Meat,	21 12
" Shoats,	6 50
" Hides,	13 53
" Fowls and Eggs,	30 28
" Candles and Lard,	3 67
" Vinegar, Cider and Apples,	82 78
" Hay,	42 90
" Turnips and Parsnips,	7 17
" Potatoes,	22 75
" Beans and Barley,	5 96
" Wood,	212 98
" Straw,	4 75
" Cow,	26 00

" Soap Grease,	3 62
" Stone Posts,	2 00
" Work done for individuals,	102 49
" Cash received of Falmouth for the support of Charles Fish,	14 00
" Work on Cemetery,	3 50
" Going with hearse to twenty five funerals,	25 00
Hay, Stock, &c., on hand March 1st, 1856,	1245 31
	$2016 56
Expenditures of Almshouse,	2238 09
Receipts,	2016 56
Balance against "	$221 53

INMATES OF ALMSHOUSE.

Names.	Age.	No. Weeks.
Bezer Ripley,	85 died	51
Thomas Drake,	70	52
Asa Drake,	41	52
James Willis,	76	52
Hannah Willis,	51	52
James W. Willis,	10	47
Patience Shaw,	84	52
Alma Dickerman,	9	52
Jarius Dickerman,	7	52
George Wade,	15	52
Polly Keith,	71	52
Eunice Dadey,	64	52
Ella Dickerman,	4	48
Cordelia Ames,	22	13
Charles Fish,	46	1

Admitted the past year,	3	Now in Almshouse,	12
Discharged,	1	Males,	6
Died,	2	Females,	6

Average number throgh the year, 13.

EXPENSES OF POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Paid Dr. Caleb Swan for aid to	H. French family,		$26 82
" " " " "	Charles T. Torrey,		12 00
" " " " "	Augustus Ripley,		3 00
" " " " "	Nancy Wade,		3 00
" Horatio Copeland, "	Charles T. Torrey,		10 68
" Town Farm, "	" " "		2 25
" Stillman Lincoln, "	Augustus S. Ripley,		52 00
" Dwelly Goward, "	Charles Randall,		4 50
" Drake & Goward, "	" "		5 00
" John Smith, "	Chloe Willis,		26 00

"	Dr. Amasa D. Bacon for aid to	Chloe Willis,	8 25
"	George H. Hartwell, "	Widow Smith,	10 14
"	Nathan Alger, "	" "	4 00
"	H. D. Howard, "	" "	4 23
"	Dr. Samuel Deans, "	Willard Morse,	2 00
"	Ward L. Foster, "	" "	1 00
"	Dr. Samuel Deans, "	child of O. G. Bellows,	8 10
"	Widow French, "	two children,	52 00
"	Newburyport, "	Seaver Family,	39 50
"	State Hospital, "	Lovica Carr,	49 37
"	Horatio Copeland, "	William Blanchard,	2 00
"	" " "	Almira Drew,	8 47
"	Town Farm, "	Anna Hayden,	11 72
"	John Kimball, "	Charles Randall,	5 00
"	" " "	Ella Dickerman,	3 00
"	" " "	Noah White,	2 00
			$346 03

APPROPRIATIONS FOR SCHOOLS.

Town Appropriation,	$1500 00
State School Fund,	124 99
	$1624 99

Divided as follows:

District No. 1,	$145 09
" " 2,	149 35
" " 3,	129 03
" " 4,	117 41
" " 5,	121 47
" " 6,	133 87
" " 7,	314 42
" " 8,	112 57
" " 9,	119 73
" " 10,	124 96
" " 11,	147 09
	$1624 99

EXPENSES OF ROADS.

Paid as appropriated to District No. 1,	$108 18
" " " " 2,	162 28
" " " " 3,	118 02
" " " " 4,	93 43
" " " " 5,	93 43
" " " " 6,	137 69
" " " " 7,	103 27
" " " " 8,	98 25
" " " " 9,	98 35

" " " 10,	132 77
" " " 11,	63 93
Expenditures at large upon Roads,	256 47
Paid Tisdale Harlow for clearing snow,	54 50
" Hiram Copeland, " "	51 04
" Asa R. Howard, " "	30 77
" Timothy G. Marshall, " "	21 25
" Lucius Howard, " "	39 50
" David Hervey, " "	34 00
" Hiram Keith, " "	41 90
" Charles E. Keith, " "	38 27
" Lincoln Drake, " "	30 00
" Oliver Ames, " "	16 50
" Daniel B. Wheaton, " "	14 71
" Disrrict No. 6, " "	3 87
	$1842 48

EXPENSES OF NEW ROADS.

Paid E. B. Bird for building road, and wall on the same near J. Dickerman's,	$405 00
Paid E. B. Bird for building, road and wall on the same near the Jesse Willis',	75 35
Paid Lincoln Drake for building road near the Furnace,	42 02
" " " for land damage, and building wall on the said road,	65 00
Paid Charles E. Keith balance due for building road from E. Randall's to North Bridgewater,	418 00
	$1095 37

PAID TOWN OFFICERS.

Daniel B. Wheaton, Assessor, &c.,	$82 50
" " " cash expenses,	21 89
Horace D. Howard, Assessor, &c.,	69 13
" " " cash expenses,	6 00
Ward L. Foster, Assessor, &c.,	46 50
" " " cash expenses,	8 25
Amos Pratt, School Committee,	30 00
Daniel H. Pratt," "	10 00
A. E. York, " "	15 00
A. W. Lothrop, Constable,	9 50
E. W. Dean, "	7 61
A. A. Rotch, collecting, recording, indexing and returning Births, Marriages and Deaths,	38 00
	$344 38

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid Congregational Parish for use of Hall,	$60 00
" C. A. Hack, for printing Report, &c.,	25 00
" John Selee, for Surveying, &c.,	3 25
" " " " Guide Boards,	6 55
" Lucius Howard, " "	1 00
" Alson Gilmore, Surveying, &c.,	16 50
" Postage and Express,	2 90
" Stationery,	1 16
	$116 36

RECAPITULATION.

For support of Poor out of Almshouse,	$ 346 03
" " " in "	221 53
" Public Schools,	1624 99
" Town Officers,	344 38
" Town appropriations for Roads,	1466 17
" Clearing snow from roads,	376 31
" New roads and alterations,	1095 37
" Miscellaneous expenses,	116 36
	$5591 14

REPORT OF THE LIQUOR AGENT.

Paid for Liquors,	$513 25
" " Barrels and Measures,	15 29
" Salery of Agent 10 months,	83 33
" Interest in on capital invested,	15 00
	$626 87
Received for Liquor,	445 42
Stock of Liquor on hand,	148 42
Barrels and Measures on hand,	12 93
	$605 77
Balance against the town,	$20 10
Whole number of sales to March 1st, 1856,	856

In months as follows:

June,	73	November,	74
July,	157	December,	68
August,	157	January,	74
September,	90	February,	73
October,	95		

WILLIAM S. ANDREWS, Agent.

STATE OF THE TREASURY, MARCH 1ST, 1856.

DR.

Due the several School Districts,	883 63
" on sundry orders,	403 80
" Charles E. Keith, when his contract for building a road is completed,	47 00
" Mace Tisdale, " about	274 00
" George B. Carr, Land Damage,	25 00
" Ephraim Brett,	10 00
" Silas V. Clapp, 1st of April next,	175 00
" Hannah Willis,	39 00
" Rent of Town Hall,	60 00
" Widow Dependence French,	28 00
	$1945 43

CR.

Cash and uncollected Taxes in the hands of the Treasurer,	955 55
Due from Roxbury for aid to William Blanchard,	21 50
" from Plymouth for aid to Almira Drew,	8 47
	$985 52
Balance against the town,	$959 91

We recommend the town to raise for town expenses, the current year, the sum of twenty five hundred dollars.

DANIEL B. WHEATON,
HORACE D. HOWARD,
WARD L. FOSTER,
} *Selectmen of Easton.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Town of Easton in account with Albert A. Rotch.	*Dr.*
To paid sundry town orders,	$3730 36
" " County Tax,	630 91
" " State Tax,	603 00
" " For Safe,	112 05
" " Notes and interest,	860 95
" " For Town Maps,	385 75
" " Order for Military services,	417 00
" " Balance due School Districts,	663 92
" " School Districts in part,	772 36
" " A. A. Rotch, Taxes abated,	84 40
" " Six per cent on all Taxes,	437 91
Balance in the Treasury in cash and uncollected taxes	955 55
	$9 54 16

CONTRA,	*CR.*
By Balance in the Treasury March 1st, 1855,	$226 27
" Received of Silas V. Clapp, borrowed,	100 00
" " Dwelly Goward, "	100 00
" " Joseph G. Newcomb,"	400 00
" " Ruel Cobb "	500 00
" " " " "	350 00
" " Assessors Warrant for Taxes,	7298 52
" " of State Treasurer from School Fund,	117 88
" " " " for State Paupers,	78
" " " " for Military services,	417 00
" " " " for Rent of Armory,	60 00
" " Sundry persons for mounted Maps,	73 70
" " Daniel B. Wheaton, balance of Cash Book,	10 01
	$9654 16

The following sums are due from the town on Notes, March 1,1856, *viz:*

To Silas V. Clapp, Note and interest,	$105 50
" Dwelly Goward, " "	105 31
" Joseph G. Newcomb, Note and interest,	415 73

ALBERT A. ROTCH, Treasurer.

Examined and approved:—

DANIEL B. WHEATON,
HORACE D. HOWARD,
WARD L. FOSTER,
} *Selectmen of Easton.*

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The Statutes of the Commonwealth, under which the School Committee hold their office, require that they shall make a report of the condition of the Public Schools in their respective towns, which report shall contain such statements and suggestions in relation to such Schools, as the said Committees shall deem necessary and proper to promote the interests thereof.

In conformity with this requirement and established usage, the School Committee present the following

REPORT.

DISTRICT No. 1. Miss Elizabeth F. Clark, taught the Summer School, whose reputation as a teacher is well known. At the various visits of the Committee the School was orderly, and the different branches of study were clearly and faithfully taught, and at the close it was evident that the scholars had made good progress in their studies.

The Winter Term was taught by Miss Catharine Dunbar, of West Bridgewater: at the first visit of the Committee, the School was in good order, except by a few of the larger scholars, who consented and pledged themselves to do well, and at the examination it clearly showed that we had not been deceived, as the appearance of the School was highly commendable both to teacher and scholars.

DISTRICT No. 2. This School was taught by Miss Catharine Dunbar, during the Summer Term with good success in the various branches taught.

The Wiuter Term was taught by Mr. D. .H Pratt, a member of the Committee.

District No. 3. This School was taught by Miss Lemira Drake, and was well instructed and governed, and at each visit showed good order and success by the scholars, and consequently satisfaction to the teacher and Committee.

The Winter Term was taught by Mr. Edwin D. Howard, of this town. The School showed that the Teacher was working hard for the good of each scholar, and succeeded in his attempts to a considerable degree.

District No. 4. The School in District No. 4, was taught by Miss Eliza J. Wetherell, in Summer and Winter. Miss Wetherell came well recommended, and the examination highly satisfactory, and it was evident she worked hard for the good of the School, still the scholars did not make the advancement in their studies and appearance which was expected by the Committee.

District No. 5. Miss Mary E. Fuller, of Mansfield, taught in this district, and succeeded in a good degree of giving satisfaction in the order of the School, and also in management of it generally.

The Winter Term is now taught by Mr. Edward Selee. It is expected the School will make rapid progress under his care as his repu-tation is known as a teacher.

District No. 6. The School in this District was taught by Miss Mary L. Hartwell, of Mansfield, her first attempt at School teaching. The School was in a bad situation at commencement, nor was she able to bring them into that order as to make the School of great advantage. It is thought by the Committee she might do well as a teacher under more favorable circumstances.

The Winter School was taught by Mr. Edwin D. Howard. Owing however to ill health, he retired from the School after teaching six weeks.

District No. 7. Mr. Nathan P. Selee, was teacher in this district during the Summer and Winter Terms. The School when visited by the Committee was attentive, and seemed to be making good progress in their particular studies

District No. 8. The Summer term was taught by Miss Mary E. Richmond, of Stoughton. This was her first attempt at teaching.

The Winter Term was taught by Mr. Edward Selee. This School was instructed in a thorough manner, good order reigned throughout the term, and was satisfactory to the Committee.

District No. 9. Miss Caroline A. Howard, taught this School. This was her first attempt in teaching.

Mr. Leonard Selee, taught the Winter Term. This School was commendable to him and the scholars, the order was good, and the examination clearly evinced that the teacher and scholars hrd labor-successfully.

District No. 10. This School is under the instruction of Miss Elighty Dean, at the present time, the School is expected to make good improvement under her care. There was no Summer School in this District.

District No. 11. The School in this District was taught by Miss Stella M. Copeland, of Mansfield, during the Summer Term, and the Winter Term by Miss Elizabeth W. Deans. This School has been prosperous throughout the year.

TABLE.

No. of District.	No. of Scholars between 5 and 15.	No. of Scholars in Summer.	Average of Scholars in Summer.	No. of Scholars in Winter.	Average of Scholars in Winter.	No. under 5 years.	No. over 15 years.	Length of School in Summer.	Length of School in Winter.	Wages per month in Summer.	Wages per month in Winter.	Amount received by Teachers in Summer.	Amount received by Teachers in Winter.	Amount received by each District
1	60	57	$44\frac{101}{118}$	42	$34\frac{39}{50}$	3	1	3	$2\frac{1}{2}$	22.00	23.00	66.00	56.50	145.34
2	47	40	31	55	$51\frac{2}{5}$	1	15	$2\frac{3}{4}$	$2\frac{1}{4}$	18.00	38.00	33.00	104.50	239.35
3	29	30	$25\frac{39}{50}$	33	$28\frac{37}{47}$	2	7	$2\frac{1}{2}$	$2\frac{1}{3}$	18.00	30.00	30.00	72.00	129.00
4	36	37	$26\frac{33}{40}$	35	26	5	0	4	$3\frac{1}{4}$	20.00	20.00	80.00	62.00	148.83
5	33								*					
6	35	39	$28\frac{31}{50}$	31	$25\frac{4}{29}$	3	7	$2\frac{1}{2}$	*	18.00		40.00		
7	189	153	$127\frac{1}{4}$	160	$111\frac{3}{18}$	11	12	$2\frac{1}{4}$	$2\frac{1}{2}$	62.00		136.50		318.37
8	27	32	28	44	$39\frac{1}{6}$	3	8	$1\frac{3}{4}$	$2\frac{1}{4}$	15.00	35.00	26.25	78.75	91 30
9	30	26	$23\frac{17}{20}$	37	$32\frac{4}{5}$	3	7	1	$2\frac{2}{5}$	16.00	36.00	16.00	90.00	116.37
10	29							†	*					
11	45	50	$45\frac{47}{59}$	58	$48\frac{41}{59}$	6	5	3	3	22.00	25.00	66.00	75.00	167.36

* School not closed.
† No School in Summer.

GENERAL REMARKS.

Your Committee would say that although the Schools in town have not been what they desired in all respects, yet they have used their endeavors to make them such according to the best of their ability.—They have attempted to encourage and advise with the teachers in regard to management of Schools, and in some cases think the advice has not been lost. Before closing we would say that parental government has a powerful influence on the rising generation, if the parental influence is right at home, we can scarcely expect to see rebellion in School. Many parents, it is feared, do not consider the consequence of the injury done to their children and the School to which they belong by irregular attendance. We would respectfully request parents whose children's attendance is irregular, to ask the teachers of their children—to ask the most eminent educators of the young, what are the consequences of such irregularity. We believe that they would all unite in saying that it weakens the love of study, and hinders the advancement of mental culture. It is wished that parents would take deeper interest in the common Schools, by visiting and encourageing them by their presence. Such visits stimulate the teachers and schelars, and animates in their respective duties.

All of which is submitted by

AMOS PRATT, } *School Committee*
ANSON E. YORK, } *of Easton.*

REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN, TREASURER,

AND

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF EASTON,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1857

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1857

REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN AND TREASURER

OF THE

TOWN OF EASTON,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 2, 1857.

SCHEDULE.

ALMSHOUSE ESTABLISHMENT.

ACCOUNT OF STOCK AT ALMSHOUSE, AS APPRAISED BY THE SELECTMEN, MARCH 2, 1857.

18 tons English Hay, at $18,	$324 00
2½ " Meadow do, at $8,	20 00
¼ " Straw, at $10,	2 50
1 Horse,	70 00
2 Oxen,	135 00
2 Steers,	125 00
7 Cows, at $30,	210 00
1 Bull,	28 00
4 Shoats, 640 lbs., at 8 cts.,	51 20
31 Fowls, at 40 cts.,	12 40
87 bushels Corn, at $1,	87 00
6 " Meal, at $1,	6 00
6 " Rye, at $1 12½,	6 75
5½ " Beans, at $2,	11 00
7 " Oats, at 55 cts.,	3 85
100 " Potatoes, at 70 cts.,	70 00
55 " Turnips, at 33 cts.,	18 15
1½ " Apples, at $2,	3 00
4 " Onions, at 75 cts.,	3 00
4 barrels Vinegar, at $4 50,	18 00
11 " Cider, at $2 50,	27 50
¾ " Flour, at $8 50,	6 37
¼ " Soap, at $4,	1 00
400 pounds Salt Beef, at 8 cts.,	32 00
Amount carried forward,	$1271 72

200	"	Ham, at 13 cts.,	26 00
40	"	Fresh Beef, at 10 cts.,	4 00
20	"	Dried Apples, at 12½ cts.,	2 50
26	"	Butter, at 27 cts.,	7 02
35	"	Candles, at 15 cts.,	5 25
20	"	Tallow, at 12½ cts.,	2 50
100	"	Lard, at 16 cts.,	16 00
75	"	Soap Grease, at 5 cts.,	3 75
			$1390 74

EXPENDITURES OF ALMSHOUSE.

Paid for	Groceries,	$64 53
"	Grain,	142 17
"	Meat and Fish,	18 78
"	Clothing and Bedding,	39 81
"	Flour,	84 50
"	Furniture,	10 77
"	Labor on Farm,	123 64
"	Farming Tools,	2 10
"	Tax on Town Farm,	29 22
"	for repairing Buildings,	9 54
"	Soap,	8 89
"	Grass Seed,	7 60
"	Salt,	6 94
"	Tin Ware,	4 05
"	Blacksmithing,	26 81
"	Potatoes,	1 47
"	Carrots,	2 00
"	Cart and Wagon Hire,	2 95
"	Medicines,	1 23
"	Making Cider,	1 23
"	Expense to Brighton,	2 08
"	Coffin and Robe,	6 25
"	Digging Grave,	1 00
"	Buffalo Robe,	4 50
"	1 Yoke of Oxen,	126 00
"	1 Bull,	21 00
"	2 Heifers,	47 00
"	1 Cow,	24 00
"	Sawing Lumber,	1 86
"	Wood,	5 50
"	Hay,	4 50
"	Sundries,	3 00
"	Caleb Swan, for Medical Aid,	4 25
"	Due Silas V. Clapp, April 1st,	200 00
"	Hannah Willis, for work,	39 00
"	Hay, Stock, &c., on hand March 1, 1856,	1244 31
		$2332 48

By 279 pounds Butter,		$69 74
"	Milk,	26 14
"	Calves,	36 10
"	Meat,	27 84
"	Shoat,	6 50
"	Hides,	12 54
"	Fowls and Eggs,	23 91
"	Candles,	2 28
"	Lard,	5 32
"	Vinegar, Cider and Apples,	24 59
"	Hay,	5 50
"	Turnips,	5 99
"	Potatoes,	11 72
"	Beans and Corn,	1 19
"	Onions,	4 55
"	Dried Apples,	3 12
"	Wood,	33 50
"	Straw,	4 62
"	Soap Grease,	2 00
"	Sundries,	8 25
"	Two Cows,	62 00
"	One Yoke of Oxen,	178 76
"	Work done for individuals,	135 86
"	" clearing road of snow,	10 21
"	Boot between Cattle,	55 00
"	Plymouth, for support J. Drew,	2 86
"	Aid to Mrs. Hayden,	2 25
"	removing State Paupers,	2 50
"	going with Hearse to 23 Funerals,	23 00
Hay, Stock, &c., on hand, March 1st, 1857,		1390 74
		$2178 58
Expenditures of Almshouse,		$2332 48
Receipts " "		2178 58
Balance against "		$153 90

INMATES OF ALMSHOUSE.

Names.	Age.		No. Weeks.
Thomas B. Drake,	70	died.	12
Asa Drake,	42		52
James Willis,	77		52
Hannah Willis,	52		52
James W. Willis,	11		10
Patience Shaw,	85		52
Alma Dickerman,	10		52
Jarius Dickerman,	8		52
Ella Dickerman,	5		52
George Wade,	16		52
Polly Keith,	72		52

Names.	Age.	No. Weeks.
Eunice Dadey,	65	3
Otis French,	60	30
Josiah Drew,	58	3
Willard H. Morse,	46	2½
Asenath Morse,	39	6⅓
Eliza A Morse,	16	5½
Lysander C. Morse,	12	6½
Sarah E. Morse,	9	6½
Elbridge G. Morse,	6	6½
Alba Willis,	73	4

Admitted the past year, 9; Discharged, 4; Died, 1; now in Almshouse, 16; Males, 9; Females, 7; average number through the year, 11.

EXPENSES OF THE POOR OUT OF THE ALMSHOUSE.

Paid Drake & Goward,	aid to	Jack Carroll,	$10 00
" Town Farm,	"	Mrs. Hayden,	2 25
" Edmund Curtis,	"	"	5 50
" Stillman Lincoln,	"	Augustus S. Ripley,	52 00
" Dr. Swan,	"	" "	1 50
" Dwelly Goward,	"	Charles Randall,	9 00
" Drake & Goward,	"	" "	12 00
" " "	"	Noah White,	16 98
" O. Ames & Sons,	"	" "	6 40
" Abijah Tisdale,	"	" "	4 00
" " "	"	Alba Willis,	8 00
" D. Ames & Sons,	"	" "	5 00
" Wid. D. French,	"	Children,	44 50
" Newburyport,	"	Seaver family,	39 50
" John Smith,	"	Chloe Willis,	26 00
" State Hospital,	"	J. W. Marshall,	149 64
" " "	"	Cordelia Ames,	101 17
" Nathan Monk,	"	Patty Randall,	8 50
" H. Copeland,	"	Nancy Wade,	5 00
" Dr. Swan,	"	" "	2 00
" " "	"	H. French's family,	23 00
" H. Copeland,	"	Wm. Blanchard,	4 75
" Lucius Howard,	"	Mrs. Batchelder,	2 75
" H. Copeland,	"	" "	7 00
" " "	"	Mrs. Hanneford,	5 50
" " "	"	Alpheus Dean,	4 00
" Drake & Goward,	"	Willard Morse,	3 96
" Mansfield,	"	" "	2 00
" North Bridgewater,	"	" "	10 00
" Foxboro,'	"	" "	31 00
" Fairhaven,	"	J. Carroll's family,	126 30
" Mrs. Sarah Mills,	"	Charles T. Torrey's family,	4 50
			$733 70

$142 50 of the last three items was expense incurred previous to March 1st, 1856.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR SCHOOLS.

Town Appropriations,	$1800 00
State School Fund,	117 88
	$1917 88
Divided as follows:	
District No. 1,	167 18
" " 2,	169 36
" " 3,	138 84
" " 4,	137 76
" " 5,	130 12
" " 6,	138 84
" " 7,	419 38
" " 8,	138 84
" " 9,	142 11
" " 10,	153 01
" " 11,	182 44
	$1917 88

EXPENSES OF ROADS.

			Appropriations.	Snow Bills.
District No.	1.	H. T. Mitchell,	$105 00	$149 44
	2.	Thaxter D. Harvey,	187 75	81 25
	3.	Jonathan Pratt,	131 25	95 08
	4.	Edward D. Williams,	105 00	72 37
	5.	Galen Sylvester,	110 25	89 76
	6.	James Britton,	162 75	115 65
	7.	Oliver Ames,	135 25	63 90
	8.	Jason Tinkham,	99 75	38 66
	9.	William Reed,	120 75	67 37
	10.	Charles E. Keith,	147 00	94 79
	11.	Lincoln Drake,	62 00	83 48
			$1366 75	$951 75

EXPENSES ON ROADS AND BRIDGES IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE.

Paid Macey Tisdale, for building Road near John F. Lincoln's,	$277 65
" Macey Tisdale, for Land Damage,	3 00
" Apollos Lincoln, "	3 00
" Chas. E. Keith, for building Road near J. Willis's,	46 63
" George B. Carr, Land Damage,	25 00
" E. Brett, "	10 00
" Joseph H. Marshall, gravelling Road, &c.,	35 50
" H. R. Healey, for Gravel,	3 00
" Frank Keith, for work on Road,	5 00
" George W. Hayward, "	2 00

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REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

Almshouse Establishment.

Account of Stock at Almshouse, as appraised by the Selectmen, March 1st, 1858.

17 tons English hay, at $15,		$255 00
5 tons meadow hay, at $7,		35 00
Straw and stalks,		2 00
1 horse,		140 00
2 oxen,		145 00
8 cows, at $30,		240 00
1 bull,		20 00
1 steer,		50 00
5 hogs,		70 00
20 fowls, at 40 cts.,		8 00
74 bushels corn, at 80 cts.,		59 20
2 bags meal,		3 00
8½ bushels rye, at 95 cts.,		8 08
3½ " beans, at $1 75,		6 13
46 " potatoes, at 65 cts.,		29 90
10 " French turnips, at 33 cts.,		3 30
2 bbls. apples,		5 00
2 " vinegar,		9 00
7 " cider, at $3,		21 00
1¼ " flour,		9 00
1-2 bushel cranberries,		1 00
575 lbs. salt beef, at 8 cts.,		46 00
75 " salt pork, at 11 cts.,		8 25
175 " ham, at 11 cts.,		19 25
20 " butter, at 24 cts.,		4 80
30 " candles, at 15 cts.,		4 50
58 " tallow, at 10 cts.,		5 80
75 " lard, at 12½ cts.,		9 37
20 " dried apples, at 12½ cts.,		2 50
75 " soap grease, at 5 cts.,		3 75
		$1,223 83

Expenditures of Almshouse.

Paid for groceries,	$100 73
grain,	179 69
meat and fish,	37 85
clothing and bedding,	101 64
flour,	98 14
furniture,	9 42
labor on farm,	158 35
farming tools,	32 49
tax on Town Farm,	31 65
repairing buildings,	11 88
soap,	6 84
grass seed,	8 81
salt,	5 02
tin ware,	3 85
blacksmithing,	26 28
potatoes,	1 83
cart and wagon hire,	3 82
medicines,	2 17
making cider,	64
wood,	9 62
cedar posts,	1 00
lumber,	12 30
1 shoat,	7 83
1 calf,	2 00
1 bull,	16 00
1 yoke of oxen,	170 00
4 heifers,	115 50
1 steer,	26 00
fowls,	75
sundries,	1 48
boot, between horses,	120 00
boot, between oxen,	10 00
expense of removing paupers,	8 50
Dr. Caleb Swan, medical aid,	5 05
Due S. V. Clapp, April 1st,	168 00
H. Willis, for work,	39 00
Hay, stock, &c., on hand, March 1st, 1857,	1,390 74
	$2,924 87

Receipts of Almshouse.

By 229 lbs. butter,	$59 24
milk,	18 24
calves,	29 85
meat,	105 91
hides,	15 90
fowls and eggs,	20 93
lard,	5 20
vinegar, cider, and apples,	24 78
hay,	75 56
turnips,	5 00
potatoes,	9 55
wood,	25 00
sundries,	9 24
two cows,	96 00
one yoke of oxen,	130 00
work done for individuals,	147 74
lumber, due from B. Alger,	11 00
removing State paupers,	2 50
going with hearse to 37 funerals,	37 00
hay, stock, &c., on hand, March 1st, 1858,	1,223 83
	$2,052 47

Expenditures of almshouse,	$2,924 87
Receipts of almshouse,	2,052 47
Balance against almshouse,	$872 40

Inmates of Almshouse.

Names.	Age.	No. weeks.
Asa Drake,	43	52
Patience Shaw,	86	52
James Willis,	78	52
Hannah Willis,	53	52
Alma Dickerman,	11	52
Jarius Dickerman,	9	52
Ella Dickerman,	6	52
George Wade,	18	52
Polly Keith,	73	52
Otis French,	61	52
Willard H. Morse,	47	13

Names.	Age.	No. weeks.
Asenath Morse,	40	2
Lysander C. Morse,	13	4
Sarah E. Morse,	10	2
Elbridge G. Morse,	7	2
Alba Willis,	74	52
Patty Randall,	80	30½
Daniel Howard,	63	28
James Reed,	57	16
Rachel Reed,	50	11
Adelaide M. Reed,	11	11
Almira A. Reed,	10	11
Juliette Reed,	8	11
Joseph Britton,	37	15
Mary J. Britton,	29	15
Mary J. Britton,	9	15
Eliza J. Britton,	7	15
Ella Britton,	2	15
Mary J. Drake,	26	8
Eveline A. Drake,	4	7
Eunice Packard,	66	5½
Rebecca Shepard,	26	1

Admitted the past year,	17	Now in almshouse,	27
Discharged,	6	Males,	10
Died,	0	Females,	17

Average number through the year, 16 3-5.

Expenses of the poor, out of the almshouse.

Paid Mrs. John Smith,	aid to	Chloe Willis,	$26 00
Dr. Bacon,	"	"	7 25
H. Copeland,	"	Polly Batchelder,	24 00
Drs. Swans,	"	"	8 50
State Hospital,	"	J. W. Marshall,	152 12
"	"	Cordelia Ames,	75 37
Parmenus Ames,	"	"	39 26
Raynham,	"	Mrs. Hayden,	4 00
Cyrus Williams,	"	"	12 00
David Wyman,	"	Jack Carroll,	10 42
N. Monk,	"	Patty Randall,	19 35
Amount carried forward,			$378 27

Amount brought forward,			$378 27
Paid expense of Edward Welch,			150 79
Mrs. Bisbee, aid to	Mrs. D. Baker,		6 00
Dr. G. W. J. Swan, aid to	Mrs. D. Baker,		15 00
Expense of widow A. Phillips,			11 50
H. Copeland, aid to	H. French, and family,		36 00
Drs. Swans, "	" " "		35 00
Stillman Lincoln, aid to	A. S. Ripley,		39 00
H. Copeland, "	Nancy Wade,		11 50
Dr. C. Swan, "	" "		1 50
Milford, "	Jos. Britton and family,		6 50
D. French, "	son,		39 00
Norton, "	Geo. W. Quinley,		6 00
Randolph, "	Jas. Reed and family,		59 04
Dr. S. Deans, "	Josiah White, Jr.,		9 38
Drake & Goward, "	Noah White,		12 13
Medical "	" "		21 75
N. Bridgewater, "	Eunice Packard,		6 00
Newburyport, "	Seaver family,		68 75
Drake & Goward, "	Chas. Randall,		18 98
Dwelly Goward, "	" "		11 51
H. Copeland, "	Almira Hanneford,		12 00
Drs. Swans, "	" "		2 50
H. Copeland, "	T. Frank Clapp,		3 00
Horace D. Howard, "	" "		7 50
Lucius Howard, "	Cynthia Drake,		5 50
Expense of John Shirdon's family,			10 29
			$975 39
Deduct amount due from other towns,			85 54
			$889 85

Appropriations for Schools.

Town appropriations,	$1,800 00
State school fund,	117 00
	$1,917 00

Divided as follows:

District No. 1,	$156 10	*Am't brought for.,*	$868 53
2,	179 83	Dist. No. 7,	437 65
3,	127 75	8,	151 62
4,	149 45	9,	138 60
5,	125 48	10,	138 60
6,	129 92	11,	182 00
Am't car. forward,	$868 53		$1,917 00

Appropriations for Roads.

District No. 1.	Samuel Simpson,	Surveyor,	$105 00
2.	David Harvey,	"	162 00
3.	Geo. W. Hayward,	"	131 00
4.	Edward D. Williams,	"	105 00
5.	Galen Sylvester,	"	110 00
6.	Macey Records,	"	150 00
7.	Oliver Ames,	"	160 00
8.	Jason Tinkham,	"	100 00
9.	Silas V. Clapp,	"	120 00
10.	Charles E. Keith,	"	147 00
11.	Guilford C. Newcomb,	"	75 00
			$1,365 00

Expenses on Roads and Bridges in addition to the above.

Paid	O. Ames & Sons, for building and fencing new road,	$240 25
	O. Ames & Sons, for land, and depot road,	105 00
	Martin Randall, for land damage,	71 00
	Nathan Packard, building new road,	171 53
	Ransom Packard, for land "	9 00
	H. Marshall, " "	4 00
	Geo. Talbot for repairing and building road,	349 00
	David Harvey, for work on road, &c.,	25 00
	Jason Tinkham " "	19 00
	Geo. W. Hayward, for work on road,	20 31
	Daniel Clark, for building railing,	35 41
		$1,049 50

Town Officers.

Paid	Joel S. Drake, Assessor, &c.,	$43 12
	" " cash expenses,	14 12
	Horace D. Howard, Assessor, &c.,	31 00
	" " " cash expenses,	6 75
	Hiram Williams, Assessor, &c.,	40 75
	" " cash expenses,	6 41
	Rev. Lyman White, School Committee,	25 00
	Rev. Luther Sheldon, "	25 00
	Augustus W. Lothrop, Constable,	16 75
	John Kimball, collecting, recording, and returning births, marriages, and deaths,	25 35
	John Kimball, copying marriages previous to 1800,	10 00
		$244 25

Recapitulation.

Paid for support of the poor, out of the almshouse,	$889 85
" " " in the "	872 40
public schools,	1,917 00
town officers,	244 25
appropriations for roads,	1,365 00
roads and bridges, addition to above,	1,049 50
	$6,338 00

We recommend the town to raise, for expenses the current year, the sum of three thousand dollars, ($3,000.)

JOEL S. DRAKE,
HORACE D. HOWARD,
HIRAM WILLIAMS,
} *Selectmen of Easton.*

Report of the Liquor Agent.

TOWN.

Dr.			*Cr.*
To Agt's salary, 8½ ms.,	$70 84	By 20 per cent. profit on liquor sold, amounting to $314 19,	$62 83
interest on capital,	13 02		
liquor lost by fire,	6 00		
	$89 86		
Balance against the town,			$27 03
			$89 86

Dr. SAMUEL DEANS, *Agent.*

Treasurer's Report.

Town of Easton, in account with J. KIMBALL, *Treasurer.*

DR.

To paid sundry town orders,	$3,498 81
County tax,	901 03
State tax,	1,206 00
S. V. Clap, notes and interest,	218 89
S. V. Clap, as Sup't of almshouse, 1856,	200 00
rent of armory,	60 00
for Town House,	67 50
for moving and repairing Town House,	143 00
order for military services,	420 00
Amount carried forward,	$6,715 23

Amount brought forward,	$6,715 23
To paid highway orders,	1,500 00
J. Kimball, note and interest,	1,038 00
Duelly Goward, interest on note,	12 36
Alson Gilmore, surveying,	8 50
six per cent. on all taxes,	541 30
Congregational Parish, for use of hall,	60 00
printing school report, 1856,	67 74
town report, &c., 1856,	15 00
balance due school districts,	947 85
school districts, in part,	999 25
stationery, postage, and express,	5 02
John Kimball, taxes abated, 1856 and '57,	88 56
Balance in the treasury, in cash and uncollected taxes,	1,425 73
	$13,424 54

CONTRA, CR.

By balance in treasury, March 1st, 1857,	$755 85
Received of State Treasurer, for State paupers,	25 55
" " from school fund,	115 39
" " for military services,	420 00
" " for rent of armory,	50 00
of J. Kimball, on loan,	1,000 00
of Matilda J. Shepard, on loan,	212 00
of Charles Hayward, "	300 00
of Joel Pierce, "	1,500 00
of Roxbury, for Wm. Blanchard,	4 75
of Beverly, for Mrs. Batchelder,	9 75
of Plymouth, for Mrs. Hanneford,	5 50
of Taunton, for Alpheus Dean,	4 00
Assessors' warrant for taxes,	9,021 75
	$13,424 54

JOHN KIMBALL, *Treasurer.*

State of the Treasury, March 1st, 1858.

DR.

Due Joel Pierce, note,	$1,500 00
Charles Hayward, note,	300 00
Mrs. Shepard, note,	212 00
Duelly Goward, note,	100 00
the several school districts,	917 75
Silas V. Clapp, 1st of April next,	168 00
Hannah Willis, " " "	39 00
Mrs. John Smith,	26 00
rent, town hall,	60 00
Randolph,	35 04
	$3,357 79

CR.

Cash and uncollected taxes in the hands of Treasurer,	$1,425 73
Due from Beverly, for aid to Mrs. Batchelder,	32 50
Norton, for aid to Josiah White, Jr.,	9 38
Plymouth, for aid to Almira Hanneford,	14 50
State, for aid to foreign paupers,	29 16
	$1,511 27
Balance against the town,	$1,846 52
	$3,357 79

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The School Committee of Easton, for the year 1857–8, having endeavored to discharge the duties imposed upon them, respectfully present their Report.

So far as their observation has extended, the state of the various schools in town has been as follows:

District No. 1. Prudential Committee, Luke S. Greenleaf. Teachers,—Summer, Miss Lemira H. Drake; Winter, Mr. Daniel H. Pratt.

This school, under the charge of Miss Drake, was attended with good success. The government was mild and uniform. Order prevailed. Love and respect were mutually cherished by teacher and scholars. The closing examination was highly satisfactory.

The Winter School, under the tuition of Mr. Pratt, appears to be making rapid progress in knowledge and mental discipline. The term has not yet closed. Mr. Pratt is evidently one of our best teachers. His instruction is thorough, and, in some respects, quite original. His government is efficient. And he presides over his school with ease and dignity, and teaches as one having authority and experience.

District No. 2. Prudential Committee, Enoch P. Towne. Teachers, — Summer, Mrs. Rebecca Towne; Winter, Mr. E. P. Boyden.

Mrs. Towne is a teacher of much experience; and she labored earnestly for the good of her school. Her scholars, in many of their studies, showed a commendable degree of improvement, especially in arithmetic. The government of the school, however, was deficient. Some of the scholars were quite disorderly. And this injured the school very much.

Mr. Boyden seemed well qualified for his position; and he evidently secured the good will of his scholars. But his school was disorderly. If his government had been more positive and decided, his labors would have been attended with greater success. As it was, however, the examination showed that a good degree of progress had been made by most of the classes.

District No. 3. Prudential Committee, Samuel K. Hayward. Teachers, — Summer, Miss Almira L. Hayward; Winter, Mr. Edward R. Hayward.

The District was fortunate in securing the services of these teachers. Though beginners in the art, they were eminently successful. Miss Hayward presided over her school with grace and dignity. Her scholars were orderly and their improvement good.

Mr. Hayward won for himself a high reputation. His mode of instruction was interesting and thorough. His government was gentle, yet efficient. And he evidently showed to all concerned, that a teacher may sometimes be in honor, even "in his own country, and among his own kindred." The Committee regard his school as one of the best in town. Fifteen scholars are reported as neither absent nor tardy during the term.

District No. 4. Prudential Committee, Horace Spaulding. Teacher, Miss Louise C. Dean.

Miss Dean had charge of this school both terms. Her labors were attended with good success. The school was well governed, and appeared to good advantage throughout. The closing examinations, in nearly all the branches taught, were entirely satisfactory. Miss Dean is a person of even temperament and commanding address. As a teacher, she is kind to her scholars, and faithful in the discharge of her duties. Almost any district would be fortunate in securing her services.

District No. 5. Prudential Committee, Thomas Drake. Teacher, Miss Lemira H. Drake.

Miss Drake taught this school both terms, and fully sustained the high reputation which she had previously acquired. The school, under her instruction, appeared remarkably well. The closing examinations were unusually good. In the character of Miss Drake, the various qualifications for a good teacher seem to meet, and blend in a happy manner. The Committee regard her as one of our best teachers.

District No. 6. Prudential Committee, Thomas Williams. Teachers, — Summer, Mrs. Anne M. Buck; Winter, Mr. Bushrod Morse.

These teachers have repeatedly been engaged to take charge of this school; and are, therefore, well known to the district by their works.

The Summer School was a pleasant one; and the improvement quite satisfactory. The teacher was kind and faithful, and the scholars orderly and attentive.

The Winter School was also one of interest and profit. Mr. Morse seemed well qualified for his office; and his scholars appeared to appreciate the advantages which they received.

Six scholars in the Summer, and twenty-four in the Winter, are reported as neither absent nor tardy.

District No. 7. Prudential Committee, Augustus O. Howard. *Higher Department.* Teachers, — Summer, Miss Julia F. Bartlett; Winter, Mr. Joseph Barrows.

This school, under the care of Miss Bartlett, presented a favorable appearance. The order was good; and the scholars seemed interested in their studies. The teacher was patient in removing difficulties from their path. At the close of the term, it was evident that good progress had been made. If, however, some of the scholars had spoken with a greater degree of loudness and distinctness,

and also, with a little less rapidity, they would have appeared to better advantage. The school, on the whole, is regarded as having been a very pleasant and profitable one.

Mr. Barrows is well known as a teacher of superior ability. And while his thorough knowledge and long experience, combined with his peculiar tact and energy, are eminently desirable in a teacher of *any* school, they seem absolutely *indispensable* in one who takes charge of *this* school, especially during the winter term. The school is large and composed of large scholars : some of whom are quite advanced in their studies. Under the tuition of Mr. Barrows, the scholars were prompt and orderly. And they evidently made improvement commensurate with their advantages. The closing examination was one of uncommon excellence.

Lower Department. Teachers, — Summer, Miss Mary C. Pratt ; Winter, Miss Julia F. Bartlett.

This is a large school, composed of small scholars. But under the fostering care of Miss Pratt, order and quietness prevailed ; and the little learners seemed eminently successful in their efforts to ascend the Hill of Knowledge. Miss Pratt is a teacher of much experience, and seems peculiarly adapted to take charge of a school of this kind. Her success was very great. She was assisted, in a pleasant and profitable manner, by Miss Juliet Morse.

The Winter School, under the charge of Miss Bartlett, was also very successful. The order, considering the large number of scholars, was very good. The closing examination was highly satisfactory. Miss Bartlett also received assistance. This is the largest school in the town. Whole number of scholars, one hundred and thirteen.

District No. 8. Prudential Committee, Zopher Dickerman. Teachers, — Summer, Miss Susan E. Packard ; Winter, Mr. F. G. Keith.

This school, under the care of Miss Packard, was attended with an ordinary degree of success. The teacher appeared to take an interest in her scholars, and evidently labored with much zeal to secure their advancement in knowledge. Her mode of instruction was easy, and calculated to awaken an interest in those committed to her charge. If her government had been a little more decided and energetic, her school would have appeared to better advantage.

Mr. Keith is a prompt and energetic teacher, and his school seems to be making good progress in the various branches taught. The term has not yet closed. At the commencement of the school, the order was not quite as good as it should have been ; but, as the term advanced, an improvement was made in this respect. The school is regarded as a successful one. A part of this district belongs to Stoughton.

District No. 9. Prudential Committee, Lucius Howard. Teachers, — Summer, Miss Olive J. Reed ; Winter, Mr. E. A. Howard.

This school was attended with a good degree of success, under buth of its teachers.

Miss Reed won the love of her scholars and secured their improvement in a manner praiseworthy to her and creditable to them. If her government had been a little more efficient it would doubtless have added to her success.

Mr. Howard taught this school last year. And such was his success then, that the district were desirous of securing his services again. His method of teaching is easy and pleasant. The school was orderly. And the examination showed that good progress had been made. Four scholars are reported as not having been absent or tardy during the term.

District No. 10. Prudential Committee, Thomas Shepard. Teacher, Miss Mary A. Arnold.

This school was under the care of the same teacher, both terms. Miss Arnold evidently sought the improvement and good will of her scholars. She was kind in her deportment and faithful in her labors. But she failed in governing her school, especially during the winter term. This failure, however, is not to be attributed wholly to her. There are scholars in this district, which nothing, apparently, but the strong arm of *power* can control. The Committee, therefore, would recommend to the district to employ a male teacher during the winter term.

The closing examination, in the summer, showed that considerable improvement had been made. But the Winter School was a failure. Disorder and confusion reigned throughout.

District No. 11. Prudential Committee, George W. Belcher. Teacher, Miss Elighta A. Dean.

This school was under the care of the same teacher, through the year. Miss Dean took a deep interest in her school, and labored hard for its improvement. And the Committee are happy to say that her efforts were attended with a good degree of success. The school, especially during the winter term, was large — much too large for one teacher. This was a disadvantage. Miss Dean was also, for several terms, preceded by a teacher of superior excellence. This, in some respects, was another disadvantage ; at least, so far as she herself was concerned. But she evidently succeeded, to a great extent, in overcoming these disadvantages. Her government, generally, was very good ; but perhaps in some instances a little wavering. This, however, doubtless resulted from a desire to suffer wrong rather than do wrong. Still, where a teacher's authority is founded upon truth and right, it is generally best to enforce it, without retraction or qualification. Some of the scholars, it is feared, did not co-operate with the teacher as they should have done.

The closing examinations, however, were very good, and doubtless satisfactory to all concerned. Eleven scholars during the summer term, and eleven during the winter, are reported as neither absent nor tardy.

General Statement.—The condition of most of the schools in town, the past year, has been, we believe, unusually prosperous. The teachers have, generally, been very successful in discharging

their arduous and important duties. They may justly be regarded as belonging to the working class. The scholars have, to a great extent, partaken of the spirit of their teachers, and profited by the advantages which they have enjoyed. The average attendance upon the various schools has been unusually large. The number of visitors, especially at the examinations, has also been large. This is a favorable indication, and we hope the practice will be increased and continued.

The Prudential Committees, in the several districts, have apparently discharged their duties with fidelity and success.

A very neat and commodious school house has been erected, during the past year, in District No. 11, which reflects much credit upon the contractors, the architect, and the district generally. The interior is furnished in the latest style of improvement, and presents a beautiful appearance. The ladies of the district, with commendable zeal, held a levee, from the proceeds of which a clock and an elegant set of maps were procured.

If the school houses in districts No. 6 and No. 10 could be rebuilt, or even thoroughly repaired, it would add greatly to the convenience and comfort of those who live in them a large portion of the year.

The school house in district No. 9, should be immediately "*expunged*," and another built, not in its place, but in some more suitable locality,

With these remarks we respectfully submit our Report.

LYMAN WHITE,
LUTHER SHELDON,
LUKE S. GREENLEAF. } *School Committee of Easton.*

No. of district.	No. of scholars between five and fifteen years.	No. scholars in summer.	Average attendance in summer.	No. scholars in winter.	Average attendance in winter.	Length of school in summer.	Length of school in winter.	Wages per month in summer.	Wages per month in winter.
‡1	45								
2	44	47	38 17/20	60	52 91/118	2 3/4	3	$20 00	$39 00
3	30	30	26 17/18	38	36 1/4	2 3/4	2 3/4	18 00	28 00
4	46	46	37	43	35 7/8	3 1/4	3	24 00	24 00
6	22	28	20 4/5	31	23 17/20	2 2/4	2 1/2	20 00	22 00
6	24	29	24 2/3	32	29 1/3	2 3/4	2 1/2	18 00	35 00
*7	198	51	42 1/2	78	69 4/5	2 1/4	3 1/4	29 00	44 00
†7		101	83	113	85	2 1/2	3 1/4	27 80	26 60
‡8	26								
9	26	29	24	37	29 13/20	3	2 1/2	16 00	33 00
10	39	39	28 4/5	41	32	3 1/4	3	18 00	22 00
11	37	48	40	67	60	3	3	25 00	25 00

* Higher Department. † Lower Department. ‡ Not closed.

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REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

ALMSHOUSE ESTABLISHMENT.

Account of Stock at Almshouse, as appraised by the Selectmen, March 1, 1859.

15 tons English hay, at $17,		$255 00
3 tons meadow hay, at $8,		24 00
1 horse,		125 00
2 oxen,		130 00
2 "		115 00
8 cows, at $32,		256 00
1 bull,		22 00
2 calves,		25 00
5 hogs,		65 00
34 fowls, at 40 cts.,		13 60
80 bushels corn, at $1,		80 00
9 "	oats, at 60 cts.,	5 40
1½ "	meal, at $1,	1 50
7½ "	beans, at $1.75	13 13
88 "	potatoes, at 60 cts.,	52 80
100 "	French turnips, at 33 cts.,	33 00
20 "	carrots and beets, at 25 cts.,	5 00
2½ bbls.	apples, at $2.50,	6 25
2 "	vinegar, at 4.50,	9 00
13 "	cider, at $3,	39 00
1 "	flour,	7 50
1 "	soap,	4 00
525 lbs.	salt beef, at 7½ cts.,	39 37
700 "	salt pork, at 11 cts.,	77 00
364 "	ham, at 12½ cts.,	45 50
74 "	butter, at 25 cts.,	18 50
	Amount carried forward,	$1,467 55

	Amount brought forward,	$1467 55
55¾ lbs.	candles, at 15 cts.,	8 37
113 "	lard, at 14 cts.,	15 82
70 "	dried apples, at 12½ cts,	8 75
83 "	sausages, at 12½ cts.,	10 37
9 "	suet, at 10 cts.,	90
14 galls.	molasses, at 36 cts.,	5 04
	Groceries,	2 00
		$1,518 80

Expenditures of Almshouse.

Paid for	groceries,	$90 97
	grain,	159 35
	meat and fish,	48 34
	clothing and bedding,	64 24
	flour,	104 65
	furniture,	32 71
	labor on farm,	144 73
	farming tools,	23 55
	tax on Town Farm,	26 36
	repairing buildings,	6 28
	soap,	13 38
	grass seed,	5 92
	salt,	6 15
	tin ware,	5 11
	blacksmithing,	32 61
	potatoes,	26 26
	medicines and medical aid,	5 90
	making cider,	6 00
	wood and coal,	17 65
	lumber,	4 94
	coffin, &c., for Alba Willis,	4 50
	stock,	333 00
Due	D. Harvey, April 1, 1859,	250 00
	H. Willis, for work,	25 00
	Hay, stock, &c., on hand, March 1, 1858,	1223 84
		$2,661 43

Receipts of Almshouse.

By	597 lbs. butter,	$149 25
	calves,	26 75
	beef,	111 34
	pigs,	17 00
	hides,	10 15
	fowls and eggs,	18 00
	lard,	6 57
	vinegar, cider, and apples,	17 30
	hay,	7 51
	potatoes,	13 83
	wood,	61 07
	heifer,	26 00
	soap-grease and candles,	4 26
	work done for individuals,	142 10
	going with hearse to 29 funerals,	29 00
	cash of town treasurer,	185 00
	hay, stock, &c., on hand, March 1, 1859,	1518 80
		$2,343 93
	Expenditures of almshouse, *	$2,661 43
	Receipts of almshouse,	2,343 93
	Balance against almshouse,	$317 50

* One hundred and ninety dollars of this expenditure was made in the month of March, 1858.

Inmates of Almshouse.

Names.	Age.	No. weeks.
Asa Drake,	44	52
Patience Shaw,	87	52
James Willis,	79	52
Hannah Willis,	54	52
Ella A. Dickerman,	7	52
George Wade,	19	52
Polly Keith,	74	52
Otis French,	62	52
Willard H. Morse,	48	52
Patty Randall,	82	52

Names.	Age.	No. weeks.
Daniel Howard,	64	52
Alba Willis,	75 died.	48
Almah Dickerman,	12	33
Jarius Dickerman,	10	15
James Reed,	58	18
Rachel Reed,	51	18
Adelaide M. Reed,	12	18
Almira A. Reed,	11	18
Juliette Reed,	9	18
Joseph Britton,	38	7
Mary J. Britton,	30	7
Mary J. Britton,	10	7
Elizabeth J. Britton,	8	7
Ella Britton,	3	7
May J. Drake,	27	10
Eveline A. Drake,	5	10
Eunice Packard,	67	31
Elizabeth Vaughn,	27	29
Charles H. Vaughn,	1	29
Anna Hayden,	87	9
Judson Gilbert,	77	5
Transient visitors,		8

Admitted the past year,	4	Now in Almshouse,	15
Discharged,	15	Males,	8
Died,	1	Females,	7

Average number through the year, $17\frac{8}{12}$.

Cost of each pauper per week, over and above the income of the Farm, 34 cts.

Expenses of the Poor out of the Almshouse.

Paid Mrs. John Smith, aid to Chloe Willis, 1857–58,		$52 00
Dr. Bacon,	" "	10 25
A. Tisdale, wood to Mrs. Robinson,		5 50
Geo. E. R. Leighton, aid to Lebina Randall,		32 58
"	funeral expenses, "	10 42
Dr. Jas. Dean, medical aid,	"	2 00
Geo. E. R Leighton, funeral expenses Mrs. Randall,		10 08
Cyrus Williams,	aid to Mrs. Hayden,	44 57
Amount carried forward,		$167 40

Amount brought forward,		$167 40
Paid Norton,	aid to Mrs. Vaughn and child,	7 37
Drake & Goward,	" " "	2 34
" "	" Geo. W. Quimby,	6 25
Norton, funeral expenses, Mrs. Quimby,		9 37
State Hospital, aid to J. Marshall,		145 98
Drake & Goward, aid to Chas. Randall,		20 23
Dr. Samuel Deans,	" "	13 40
Dwelly Goward,	" "	6 00
"	funeral expenses "	8 00
Wid. D. French, aid to Son,		39 00
Taunton,	aid to Henry S. Dunbar,	18 50
H. Copeland,	" French family,	5 00
Foxboro',	" Carroll "	21 00
Newburyport,	" Seaver "	26 00
Dr. Sam'l Deans,	aid to Josiah White,	14 23
H. Copeland,	" Polly Batchelder,	6 00
Dr. Swan,	" "	9 00
H. Copeland,	" Almira Drew,	10 50
Dr. Swan,	" "	16 00
"	" Henry Drew,	6 50
H. Copeland,	" Nancy Wade,	8 50
Dr. Swan,	" "	9 50
H. Copeland,	" Wm. Blanchard,	1 00
Drake & Goward,	" "	2 96
Dr. Swan,	" "	14 00
H. D. Howard, wood, T. F. Clapp,		2 50
Dr. Jas. Dean, aid to Noah White family,		7 22
Drake & Goward, aid to Dickerman child,		1 59
"	" James Reed,	12 29
Parmenus Ames,	" Cordelia Ames,	52 67
		$670 30
Deduct amount due from other towns,		54 50
		$615 80

APPROPRIATIONS FOR SCHOOLS.

Town appropriations,	$1,800 00
State school fund	112 77
	$1,912 77

Divided as follows:

District No. 1,		$149 19	*Am't bro't for'd,*		$866 72
2,		169 77	District No. 7,		460 07
3,		141 35	8,		136 45
4,		151 15	9,		132 53
5,		123 71	10,		139 39
6,		131 55	11,		177 61
Am't car. for'd,		$866 72			$1,912 77

APPROPRIATIONS FOR ROADS.

Dis. No.	Surveyors.	District Appropriations.	Selectmen do. Bridges, &c.	Snow Bills.	Total Each District.
1	Samuel Simpson,	$88 92	$10 85	$13 27	$113 04
2	Joseph Towne,	137 84	54 11	6 80	198 75
3	Asa R. Howard,	111 16	11 25	10 35	132 76
4	D. B. Wheaton,	66 70	15 00	4 50	86 20
5	Galen Sylvester,	93 37	32 52	7 64	133 53
6	Tartius Buck,	137 84	9 44	13 44	160 72
7	Oliver Ames,	97 81	70 00		167 81
8	Calvin Marshall,	88 92	38 80	3 40	131 12
9	David Harvey,	103 26	57 00	5 93	166 19
10	Ebenezer Wm. Randall,	125 12	2 37	7 87	135 36
11	Charles Hayward,	75 59	18 83	5 50	99 92
		$1126 53	$320 17	$78 70	$1525 40

N. B. — We think more than $1,500 should be raised for repairing highways, bridges, &c. Fifty years ago that amount was voted; and, as we have many more miles of road to repair now, it is necessary we should raise more money.

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Joel S. Drake, assessor, &c.,	$45 00
" " cash expenses,	16 75
Horace D. Howard, assessor, &c.,	37 50
" " cash expenses,	8 00
Hiram Williams, assessor, &c.,	38 25
" " cash expenses,	3 87
Amount carried forward,	$149 37

Amount brought forward,	$149 37
Paid Rev. Lyman White, school committee,	25 00
Oliver Ames, 3d, " "	15 50
Daniel H. Pratt, " "	25 00
Augustus W. Lothrop, constable,	8 00
Police officers for muster,	96 00
John Kimball, collecting, recording, and returning 110 births, 14 marriages, nnd 40 deaths,	29 40
	$348 27
Deduct receipts from licenses on muster field and fees from police officers,	21 84
	$326 43

RECAPITULATION.

Paid for support of the poor, out of the almshouse,	$615 80
" " " in the almshouse,	317 50
public schools,	1,912 77
town officers,	326 43
appropriations for roads and bridges,	1,446 70
clearing roads of snow,	78 70
	$4,697 90

We recommend the town to raise, for expenses the current year, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars (2,500).

JOEL L. DRAKE,
HORACE D. HOWARD,
HIRAM WILLIAMS,
} *Selectmen of Easton.*

REPORT OF THE LIQUOR AGENT.

Dr. TOWN. *Cr.*

To liquors, casks, measures, &c. rec'd of former agent,	$39 35	By liquor sold,	$389 85
paid for liquors,	406 57	" on hand,	98 57
agt's salary, 9 m.,	30 00	liquor casks, measures, &c.,	17 50
	$475 92		
Balance in favor town	30 00		
	$505 92		$505 92

CYRUS ALGER, *Agent.*

MARCH 1, 1859.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Town of Easton, in account with J. KIMBALL, *Treasurer.*

DR.

To paid sundry town orders,	$1,749 61
County tax,	901 03
State tax,	482 00
Joel Pierce, note and interest,	1,555 75
S. V. Clapp, as sup't of almshouse, 1857,	168 00
Parish for town hall,	60 00
order for military services,	357 50
highway orders,	1,446 70
D. Goward, interest on note,	6 00
six per cent. on all taxes,	470 34
printing reports, 1857,	20 00
balance due school districts,	917 75
school districts, in part,	870 64
stationery, postage, and express,	6 00
J. Kimball, taxes abated, 1856–57,	54 78
Balance in treasury, in cash and uncollected taxes,	587 37
	$9,653 47

CONTRA, CR.

By balance in treasury, March 1, 1858,	$1,425 73
Received of State treasurer, for State paupers,	22 50
" " from school fund,	112 77
" " armory rent,	50 00
Beverly, for Mrs. Batchelder,	32 50
Plymouth, for Mrs. Drew,	14 50
licenses and police officers' fees,	21 84
Samuel Deans, former liquor agent,	134 63
Assessors' warrant for taxes, 1858,	7,839 00
	$9,653 47

JOHN KIMBALL, *Treasurer.*

State of the Treasury, March 1, 1859.

DR.

Due Charles Hayward, note,	$300 00
Mrs. Shepard,	212 00
Dwelly Goward,	100 00
several school districts,	1,042 13
D. Harvey, 1st of April next,	250 00
Hannah Willis, 1st of April next,	25 00
rent town hall,	60 00
rent armory,	60 00
	$2,049 13

CR.

Cash, and uncollected taxes in the hands of the treasurer,	$587 37
Due from Beverly, for Mrs. Batchelder,	15 00
Plymouth, for Mrs. Drew,	33 00
Bridgewater, for Mrs. Robinson,	5 50
Brookline, for Mr. Blanchard,	1 00
liquor agents,	87 89
State for military services,	357 50
	$1,087 26
Balance against the town,	961 87
	$2,040 13

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The School Committee of the town of Easton, for the year 1858–9, respectfully present the following Report : —

District No. 1. Prudential Committee, John O. Dean.

The Summer School was taught by Miss Lemira H. Drake, of this town. Miss Drake is well known in this community as an able and successful teacher. And we are happy to say, that, while in charge of this school, she fully sustained the high reputation which she had previously acquired. The order was good ; and marked improvement was evident in all the branches taught, especially in reading.

Abbie L. Phillips, Phebe A. Randall, Lucia E. Lothrop, and Jesse J. Swan were neither absent nor tardy during the term.

The Winter School is being taught by Mr. Daniel H. Pratt, of this town. Mr. Pratt is a teacher of established reputation, having repeatedly been called to take charge of schools, not only in this, but in neighboring towns. His services, we believe, have uniformly been attended with success. Able, faithful, and energetic, he succeeds in awakening an unusual degree of interest in the minds of his scholars. The school is not yet closed ; but, having recently been visited by your committee, they feel justified in saying, that the highest expectations of the district will be realized. The school has now (Feb. 28) been in session eight weeks ; and thus far William H. Dean, Addison A. Lothrop, Edward E. Randall, Jesse J. Swan, Isabel J. Dean, Cora F. Dean, Harriet A. Hayward, Calista A. Mitchell, and Sarah L. White, have neither been absent nor tardy.

One member of your committee has had no part in reporting this school.

District No. 2. Prudential Committee, Enoch P. Towne.

The Summer School was taught by Mrs Rebecca Towne, a resident of the district. Mrs. Towne is an experienced teacher, but her labors in this instance were not attended with good success. The school was very disorderly ; the attendance quite irregular : but little interest was awakened in the minds of the scholars, and but little respect was apparently shown by them for this teacher. Some improvement, however, was noticeable ; and yet we fear that the evil, resulting from the bad habits acquired by the scholars, far outweighed all the good which this school accomplished. Lucy Mansfield was neither absent nor tardy.

Mr. Wallace A. Putnam, of Danvers, was teacher of the Winter School. He came to this town well recommended, and passed a satisfactory examination. And yet his school was not successful. This is to be accounted for in various ways. He is a beginner in the art of teaching ; a portion of the district wished for another man ; the school was large and in a bad state when he took charge of it. And while laboring, according to the directions of your committee, to bring it into a better condition, he incurred the displeasure of some of the scholars, and also of some of their parents. This was expected. And yet it seemed necessary that an attempt should be made to bring about a more favorable state of things. That the teacher erred is doubtless true ; and that some of the scholars and parents erred is equally true. Although not wholly successful, we think Mr. Putnam has done a good work for this district, and, with more experience, will prove himself an able and popular teacher. The closing examination showed that as much progress had been made as the circumstances of the case would allow.

Maria Howard was neither absent nor tardy.

District No. 3. Prudential Committee, D. W. Heath.

The Summer School was taught by Miss A. M. Randall, of this town. This was her first effort in teaching ; and we are happy to say that she was quite successful. Her government was good, and mutual love and respect apparently subsisted between teacher and scholars. The closing examination was creditable to all concerned, and showed that good improvement had been made. The school was highly satisfactory.

L. Maria Delano was neither absent nor tardy.

Mr. Augustus Remick, of Northwest Bridgewater, taught the Winter School. Near the commencement, some dissatisfaction was expressed in consequence of his mode of government. It was considered by some to be unnecessarily rigid. But as the term progressed, and teacher and scholars became better acquainted with each other, this feeling gradually passed away ; so that all became not only satisfied, but highly pleased. The examination proved that the money of the district had been well spent. This is Mr. Remick's first experience as teacher ; and we are happy to say that he acquitted himself with honor and good success.

N. M. Hayward was neither absent nor tardy.

District No. 4. Prudential Committee, Horace Spaulding.

The Summer School was taught by Miss Harriete Goward, of Mansfield. It was her first attempt in teaching, and therefore due allowance should be made in her favor. Still we are compelled to say that she failed, to some extent, in securing the object which the district had in view, viz., a good school.

The order was poor, and the recitations seemed poorer still. The scholars apparently took but very little interest in their studies. We hope, however, that Miss Goward will not be discouraged by her want of success in this school, as we have no doubt that with more experience she will become a successful teacher.

The Winter School was taught by Miss Almira L. Hayward, of Foxboro'. Miss Hayward taught school in town last season, and gave good satisfaction. She is evidently well qualified for the office of teacher, and in more favorable circumstances, with a little more energy in her mode of government, she would doubtless always meet with success. She labored faithfully for the good of her school, and endeavored to control her scholars by the law of kindness. But this was insufficient. The school was not in a favorable condition when she entered it. Some of the scholars were not disposed to yield to her mild and gentle measures, and therefore became disorderly and disrespectful. And their parents, we have reason to believe, did not bring them to justice for their unbecoming behaviour, as they should have done. For these reasons, the school became unprofitable, and your committee advised Miss Hayward to close it; which she did at the end of the eighth week, in accordance with her own wishes.

Sarah A. Spaulding and Hiram K. Spaulding were neither absent nor tardy.

District No. 5. Prudential Committee, Tisdale Fuller.

This school was taught, both terms, by Miss Lemira H. Drake, of this town. Miss Drake has repeatedly been employed as teacher in this district, and has, we believe, uniformly met the expectations of all concerned. The school, both Summer and Winter, was orderly and pleasant, and good progress was secured in all the branches taught. The examinations were interesting and satisfactory. The following are the names of those neither absent nor tardy: —

Summer — Louisa C. Sylvester, Albert T. Keith, and Charles E. Woodward. Winter — Mary A. Keith, Mary E. Drake, Ellen E. Goward, and Georgianna H. Williams.

District No. 6. Prudential Committee, John A. Selee.

The Summer School was taught by Miss Amelia A. C. Dickerman, of Canton. It was her first school; and yet she discharged her duties with a good degree of credit to herself, and of profit to the district. We think, however, that she lacked somewhat in energy and thoroughness, as her school seemed quite deficient in mental vitality and certainty of knowledge. Yet, notwithstanding this, the closing examination showed that commendable progress had been made in reading and in various other branches.

The Winter School was taught by Mr. Willard F. Esty, of Sharon. This was also Mr. Esty's first school; but it was conducted in a highly satisfactory manner. The order was remarkably good, and the method of instruction eminently thorough and successful. This school is to be regarded as among the best in town.

George H. Forbes was neither absent nor tardy.

District No. 7. Prudential Committee, Oliver A. Day.

Higher Department. — The Summer School was taught by Miss A. R. Snell, of Northwest Bridgewater. Miss Snell is a young teacher of much promise. In most schools she would doubtless meet with good success. And even here her efforts were by no means in vain. Still, if she could have brought with her a greater number of years and a riper experience, she would have succeeded better. This school is composed principally of large scholars; some of whom seem reluctant to submit to the government of one so near their own age. Hence disorder and disrespect were manifested, to some extent. Several members of the school were apparently held in check only through fear of exposure. This was a decided injury to the school. The closing examination, however, showed that considerable improvement had been made.

Ellen S. Sampson, Lizzie Randall, and Jane P. Lake were neither absent nor tardy.

The Winter School was taught by Joseph Barrows, Esq., of this town. Mr. Barrows has repeatedly been employed as teacher of this school, and always with eminent success. He therefore needs no "letters of commendation" from us.

The school under his care appeared remarkably well throughout. The order was good. The lessons were thoroughly learned and promptly recited. The enunciation of the scholars was loud and distinct. And the closing examination was one of superior excellence.

Sophia Pratt was neither absent nor tardy.

Lower Department. — This School was taught, both Summer and Winter, by Miss Elighta A. Dean, of this town. And we are pleased to say that she discharged her arduous and responsible duties with ability and success. She succeeded in interesting her large family of little ones in a very happy manner. The order was good, and the progress which was made highly commendable. The closing examination was deeply interesting; the regular exercises being interspersed with the reading of select pieces, singing, and declamation.

Arthur Kerley and Charles Littlefield were neither absent nor tardy during the summer term.

Miss Sophia E. Pratt, of this town, was assistant teacher in both departments, throughout the year. She discharged her duties in a pleasant and faithful manner.

The attendance upon the schools in this district, during the winter, was much interrupted by sickness, which prevailed in the place.

District No. 8. The school in this district was under the care of the Committee of Stoughton.

District No. 9. Prudential Committee, Silas V. Clapp.

The summer school was taught by Miss Josephine E. Keith, of this town. And we think she discharged her duties in a manner creditable to herself and profitable to the school. As a teacher, she is pleasing in her manners, mild in her government, and faithful in her mode of instruction. The examination showed that good improvement had been made.

This school was somewhat injured by a vacation of two weeks, rendered necessary on account of prevailing sickness.

Henry L. Reed was neither absent nor tardy.

The winter school was taught by Mr. G. E. Pratt, of North Bridgewater. Under the care of Mr. Pratt, this school appeared remarkably well. The government was mild, yet efficient. The scholars were

respectful in their manners, and attended to their studies. All seemed to appreciate and improve the advantages which they enjoyed. The average attendance was better than in any other district in town. We regard this school as one of our best.

E. Jane Hervey, William M Packard, Oliver Howard, Charles Reed, Henry L. Reed, Robert Ripley, William Packard, Newell Howard, Albert H. Dailey, and William H. French, were neither absent nor tardy.

District No. 10. Prudential Committee, Edward Willis.

The summer school was taught by Miss Julia M. Leonard, of Stoughton. Miss Leonard is a young and inexperienced teacher, yet she manifested a good degree of energy and promptness in her government, and of faithfulness in her instructions. Her school, however, was restless and disorderly, and some of the scholars very inattentive to their studies. With few exceptions, the recitations were very poor indeed. But this was not the case with all. There were some members of the school who improved their time, and made good progress in their studies. By far the larger part, however, seemed to "care for none of these things."

We think Miss Leonard, in more favorable circumstances, would meet with good success.

Oren F. Randall, John J. Cunningham, Oscar B. Randall, and Amy E. Randall, were neither absent nor tardy,

The winter school was commenced by Mrs. Rebecca Towne, and taught by her about three weeks. Your committee were not aware of the fact that the school was in session, until they accidentally heard of it, in the course of the third week. And when applied to by Mrs. Towne, for a certificate of approbation, they declined to give her one, because they considered her incapable of governing the school in a proper manner. Consequently she taught no longer. And, as her school was not acknowledged by your committee as a public school, they did not feel justified in appropriating the public money in pay for her services. They would, however, recommend to the town to vote her the sum which she claims, if they can do so legally.

In the absence of the Prudential Committee, the member of your committee having charge of this school employed Mr. R. F. Everett, of Dedham, as teacher. But his school proving a failure, and worse than a failure, was closed at the end of the sixth week.

Oren F. Randall and Oscar B. Randall were neither absent nor tardy.

District No. 11. Prudential Committee, George W. Belcher.

The summer school was taught by Miss E. W. Deans, of this town. Miss Deans is a teacher of high reputation, whose labors, we believe, have uniformly been attended with success. Under her tuition, no scholar is allowed to spend his time in idleness, or pass over in a careless manner what he does not understand. Indeed, thoroughness is a prominent characteristic in Miss Deans' method of instruction. The ground passed over by this school was somewhat limited; but the

mode of progress was such that the young travellers became well acquainted with the way, and familiar with all the landmarks. This the closing examination abundantly proved.

Willie T. Belcher, Hattie Davidson, and Lizzie W. Davidson, were neither absent nor tardy.

The winter school was taught by Mr. Benjamin E. Swett, of Norton. Mr. Swett is also a teacher of experience, whose labors, we understand, have long been crowned with success. The school under his care was large, and some of the scholars quite advanced in their studies; and yet the order was commendable, and the improvement generally satisfactory. This school embraces some of the best readers in town. The closing exercises were interesting, and passed off in a happy manner.

Mary Gorman, Hattie Davidson, Hattie E. Belcher, George C. Belcher, Henry P. Sisson, Albert C. Wilson, and James McKeon, were neither absent nor tardy.

General Remarks.

Prosperity has attended most of the schools in town, and adversity the remainder. Some of the teachers have been very successful; others, partially so; and others still seem to have failed entirely. Most of the scholars have made good progress up the "hill of science;" others remain stationary; and a few have backslidden.

The average attendance upon the schools has not been quite as large as it was last year. This has been owing to three causes: sickness, the weather, and poor schools.

The Prudential Committees, in the several districts, so far as we know, have generally discharged their duties in a faithful and impartial manner. And here permit us to suggest the propriety of selecting men for the office of district committee who will take an interest in the schools, aside from the privilege of employing some particular friend as teacher, whether qualified or not. Permit us also to suggest the propriety and the necessity of employing only able and experienced teachers for the larger and more difficult schools. Such changes have been made in books the past year as the wants of the scholars seemed to demand.

LYMAN WHITE,
OLIVER AMES, 3d,
DANIEL H. PRATT,
} *School Committee of Easton.*

TABLE.

No. of district.	No. of scholars between five and fifteen years.	No. of scholars in summer.	Average attendance in summer.	No. of scholars in winter.	Average attendance in winter.	Length of school in summer.	Length of school in winter.	Wages per month in summer.	Wages per month in winter.
1	40	42	$31\frac{87}{110}$	47	$42\frac{14}{18}$	$2\frac{3}{4}$	$2\frac{1}{2}$	$20 00	$38 00
2	45	46	$32\frac{1}{2}$	56	$39\frac{18}{24}$	$3\frac{1}{4}$	3	20 00	39 00
3	30	25	$18\frac{2}{5}$	36	$29\frac{6}{12}$	$2\frac{3}{4}$	3	16 00	28 00
4	42	37	$31\frac{9}{10}$	36	$34\frac{1}{6}$	$2\frac{1}{2}$	2	18 00	21 00
5	29	27	$23\frac{10}{22}$	29	$26\frac{79}{120}$	$2\frac{3}{4}$	3	20 00	20 00
6	22	21	16	23	17	$2\frac{1}{2}$	$2\frac{1}{2}$		31 00
*7		49	$40\frac{26}{52}$	65	$49\frac{23}{120}$	$2\frac{1}{2}$	3	26 00	{44 00 †8 00
†7	202	127	104	95	67	$2\frac{1}{2}$	3	‡31 00	‡34 00
9	36	32	27	38	$35\frac{18}{20}$	$2\frac{1}{2}$	$2\frac{1}{4}$	16 00	36 00
10	50	45	$34\frac{2}{26}$	33	$23\frac{19}{30}$	$2\frac{1}{2}$	$1\frac{1}{2}$	17 00	30 00
11	57	68	61	70	$58\frac{27}{40}$	$3\frac{3}{4}$	$2\frac{1}{2}$	24 00	37 00

* Higher Department. † Lower Department. † Assistant. ‡ Including wages of Assistant.

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REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

The following Report of the financial condition of the Town March 1, 1860, is respectfully submitted:

ALMSHOUSE ESTABLISHMENT.

Account of Stock at Almshouse, March 1, 1860.

14 tons English hay, at $20,	$280 00
3 1-2 tons meadow hay, at $8,	28 00
1-2 ton straw, at $10	5 00
1 horse,	125 00
2 oxen,	130 00
2 "	120 00
7 cows, at $32,	224 00
1 heifer,	22 00
1 bull,	20 00
2 calves,	20 00
3 hogs,	34 00
23 fowls, at 40 cts.,	9 20
62 bushels corn, at $1,	62 00
15 " rye, at $1,	15 00
5 1-2 " meal, at $1,	5 50
5 " beans, at $1.75.	8 75
115 " potatoes, at 60 cts.,	69 00
200 " French turnips, at 33 cts.,	66 00
6 " carrots, at 25 cts.,	1 50
2 bbls. apples, at $2.50,	5 00
1 1-2 bbls. vinegar, at $4.50,	6 75
12 1-2 " cider, at $3,	37 50
Amount carried forward.	$1,279 20

Amount brought forward,		1,279 20
1 1-2 " flour, at $7.25,		10 87
1 " soap,		4 00
600 lbs. salt beef, at 7 1-2 cts.,		45 00
45 " fresh beef, at 9 cts.,		4 05
800 " salt pork, at 11 cts.,		88 00
360 " salt ham, at 12 1-2 cts.,		45 00
60 " butter, at 25 cts.,		15 00
44 1-4 lbs. candles, at 15 cts.,		6 64
169 1-2 lbs. lard, at 14 cts.,		23 73
10 " dried apples, at 12 1-2 cts.,		1 25
101 " sausages, at 12 1-2 cts.		12 62
Groceries,		4 00
		$1,554 36

Expenditures of Almshouse.

Paid for groceries,	$68 46
grain,	176 08
meat and fish,	7 13
clothing and bedding,	41 13
flour,	109 48
furniture,	2 56
labor on farm.	141 73
farming tools,	12 75
tax on town farm,	26 36
repairing buildings,	90 02
soap,	8 73
grass seed,	8 10
salt,	4 90
blacksmithing,	27 50
potatoes,	7 31
medicines and medical aid,	15 21
Amount carried forward,	$716 35

Amount brought forward,	$716 35
Paid for making cider,	5 00
wood and coal,	20 27
fencing,	5 88
standing grass,	5 00
schooling and books,	1 78
trees for cemetery,	2 50
4 shoats,	22 64
stock,	150 00
coffin, &c., P. Keith,	6 03
Due D. Harvey, April 1, 1860,	300 00
H, Willis, for work,	25 00
Hay, stock, &c., on hand, March 1, 1859,	1518 80
	$2,810 35

Receipts of Almshouse.

By 528 lbs. butter,	132 00
milk,	9 84
calves,	31 38
beef,	16 56
hides,	13 84
fowls and eggs,	29 19
lard,	6 70
vinegar, cider and apples,	38 14
hay,	51 18
potatoes,	12 10
wood,	4 50
soap grease and candles,	4 02
steers,	127 50
boot between oxen,	6 00
work done for D. Harvey,	31 50
" for others,	129 56
going with hearse to 43 funerals,	43 00
hay, stock, &c-, on hand, March 1, 1860,	1554 36
	$2,241 37

Expenditures of Almshouse,	$2,810 35
Receipts of Almshouse,	2,241 37
	$568 98

Inmates of Almshouse.

Name.	Age.	No. Weeks.	Name.	Age.	No. Weeks.
Asa Drake,	45	52	Anna Hayden,	88	52
Patience Shaw,	88	52	Polly Keith, died.	75	17
James Willis,	80	52	Elizabeth Vaughn,	28	6
Hannah Willis,	55	52	Chas. H. Vaughn,	2	6
Ella A. Dickerman,	8	52	Judson Gilbert,	78	9
George Wade,	20	52	Susannah Drake,	43	50
Otis French,	63	52	Almah Dickerman,	13	46
Willard H. Morse,	49	52	Mrs. A. Phillips,	75	8
Patty Randall,	83	52	Emeline A. Drake,	6	13
Daniel Howard,	65	52	Eunice Packard,	68	2
Transient visitors,					8

Admitted the past year,	4	Now in Almshouse,	15
Discharged,	4	Males,	6
Died,	1	Females,	9

Average number for the year, 14 9-52.

Cost of each pauper per week, over and above the income of the Farm, 77 cents.

Expenses of the Poor out of the Almshouse.

Paid Dr. J. M. Mills, medical aid to Noah White,	$2 50
T. Buck, wood for "	4 00
Drake & Goward, goods for "	14 03
Dr. Geo. W. J. Swan, medical aid "	6 00
Dr. Jas. Dean, (due) " "	21 89
Dr. Samuel Deans, " Josiah White	8 00
Drake & Goward, goods "	8 22
" " " Mrs. Cordner,	3 17
" " " Mrs. Kesley,	2 20
" " " Packard,	13 29
" " " Geo. W. Quimbey,	4 25
" " " Mrs Carr, of N. Bridgewater,	10 74
Dr. Stebbins for vaccination,	9 00
T. Ames, assistance, medical aid, and funeral expenses of Cordelia Ames,	35 37
Amount carried forward,	$140 63

Amount brought forward,	$140 63
Mattapoisett, for assistance, funeral expenses, &c., of Mrs. Cyrenus Phillips,	34 07
Due N. Bridgewater, for Mrs. Cyrenus Phillips' child,	9 05
" Plymouth, " " "	28 12
Dr. James Dean, (due,) " " "	3 50
For burying child, N. Easton,	2 50
Medway, assistance to Mrs. Niles,	3 00
Hospital, " J. Marshall,	154 21
Widow D. French, assistance to son,	39 00
Mansfield, " to Carroll and family,	50 00
Newburyport, " to Seaver "	13 00
Freetown, " to Susannah Drake,	10 20
Dr. G. W. J. Swan, medical aid to Nancy Wade,	5 50
H. Copeland, goods to "	8 50
Dr. G. W. J. Swan, medical aid to Almirah Drew,	2 00
H. Copeland, goods to "	9 00
Dr. G. W. J. Swan, medical aid to Mrs. Batchelder,	2 50
" " " to Blanchard,	6 50
H. Copeland, goods to "	2 00
Dr. G. W. J. Swan. medical aid to Thos. Berren,	62 50
Due Dr. Jas. Dean, " " "	41 00
Paid Mace Tisdale for support of Seth Dunbar's family,	30 00
Due Mrs. Smith, for assistance to Chloe Willis,	26 00
Town of Quincy, " to Mary Packard,	4 62
	$689 43
Deduct amount due from other towns,	$ 24 24
	$665 19

TOWN APPROPRIATIONS, 1859.

Public Schools,	$1800 00	Overlayings,	329 24
Highways,	1500 00	County tax,	1009 15
Cedar Swamp Road,	200 00	State "	399 00
Incidental Expenses,	2500 00		
Total tax,			$7,737 30
Valuation of Town,			$1,043,600

Number of Polls, 774. Tax on property, 63 cts, on $100. Poll Tax, $1.50.

SCHOOL APPROPRIATIONS.

Dis. No.	Paid balance old orders.	Paid on committee's orders.	Total.
1	$149 19	$15 00	$164 19
2	169 77	130 79	300 56
3	48 43	69 00	117 43
4	121 00	63 75	184 75
5	63 71	13 79	77 50
6	48 05	87 42	135 47
7	197 07		197 07
8	36 45	5 55	42 00
9	42 53	6 35	48 88
10	82 02	73 13	155 15
11	83 91	112 09	196 00
			$1,619 00

APPROPRIATIONS FOR ROADS.

Dis. No.	Surveyors.		Dis. No.	Surveyors.	
1,	H. T. Mitchell,	$118 57	7,	Oliver Ames,	130 43
2,	A Gilmore,	183 80	8,	Jason Tinkham,	118 57
3,	Edwin Howard,	148 25	9,	Silas V. Clapp,	136 35
4,	John Kimball,	88 93	10,	Seth Littlefield,	166 00
5,	Charles W. Evans,	124 50	11,	Lincoln Drake,	100 80
6,	James Britton,	183 80			
					$1,500 00
Asa R. Howard, bridge,					12 09
T. Buck, Allen road,					50 00
Cedar Swamp "					194 70
Total,					$1756 79

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Joel S. Drake, assessor, &c.,	$57 50
" " cash expense,	22 37
Horace D. Howard, assessor, &c.,	33 25
" " cash expense,	9 00
Hiram Williams, assessor, &c.,	36 75
" " cash expense,	8 62
Oliver Ames, 3d school committee,	31 00
Daniel H. Pratt, "	30 00
Rev. Geo. G. Withington, "	31 50
Augustus W. Lothrop, constable,	14 50
John Kimball, collecting, recording and returning 108 births, 77 deaths, 22 marriages,	35 45
	$289 94

RECAPITULATION.

Paid for support of poor out of Almshouse,	$665 19
" " in the Almshouse,	568 98
public schools,	1619 00
town officers,	289 94
roads and bridges,	1756 79
	$4,899 90

We recommend the town to raise, for expenses the current year, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, ($2500,) in addition to what is raised for schools, roads and bridges.

JOEL S. DRAKE,
HORACE D. HOWARD,
HIRAM WILLIAMS,
} *Selectmen of Easton.*

LIQUOR ACCOUNT.

Settlement with C. Alger, June 6, 1859.

Amount of liquor sold one year,		$839 35
" " bought, and freight,	769 82	
Salary of Agent,	40 00	
Interest,	17 00	
		826 82
Balance paid Town, cash,		$12 53

D. HARVEY, AGENT.

TOWN.

Dr.		*Cr.*	
To liquor, casks, measures, &c., rec'd of former agent,	$73 15	By liquor sold	$433 59
Paid for liquors,	321 17	" on hand, March 1, 1860,	53 42
Agent's salary, from Sept. 6, 1859, to March 1, 1860,	25 00	By liquor casks, measures, &c.,	13 40
	$419 32		
Balance in favor of town,	81 09		
	$504 41		$500 41

MARCH 1, 1860.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Town of Easton in account with J. KIMBALL, Treasurer.

DR.

To paid sundry town orders,	$1223 07
County tax,	1009 15
State tax,	399 00
D. Harvey, as sup't of Almshouse, 1858,	250 00
Parish for town hall,	60 00
Order for military services,	412 50
Highway orders,	1756 79
6 per cent. on all taxes,	464 24
printing reports, receipts, &c.,	23 85
school orders,	1619 80
stationery, postage and express,	3 69
insurance on town buildings,	52 00
town school house tax,	66 75
D. Kimball, remmittances,	57 92
Matilda J. Shepard, note and interest,	246 04
N. King, " "	202 00
Chas. Haywood, " "	350 56
Dwelly Goward, " "	105 05
armory rent, 2 years,	120 00
Balance in treasury, cash and uncollected taxes,	842 02
	$9,267 63

CONTRA, CR.

By balance in treasury, March 1, 1859,	587 37
Received from State School Fund,	121 59
Beverly,	15 75
Bridgewater,	5 50
Dr. Deans, liquor account,	13 00
C. Alger, "	12 53
State military bounty,	357 50
licenses, pedlar's,	24 00
" dogs,	133 00
N. King, loan,	200 00
Dis. No. 9, for school house lot, and fencing,	60 00
Assessors' warrant for taxes, for 1859,	7737 39
	$9,267 63

J. KIMBALL, Treasurer.

CONDITION OF TREASURY, MARCH 1, 1860.

ASSETS.		DEBTS.	
Cash and uncollected taxes in the hands of the Treasurer,	$842 02	Due D. Harvey, April 1st,	$300 00
Due from N. Bridgewater for assistance rendered Mrs. Carr,	10 74	H. Willis, "	25 00
" Plymouth, " Mrs. Drew,	11 00	Mrs. John Smith,	26 00
" Beverly, " Mrs. Bachelder,	2 50	N. Bridgewater,	9 05
" State, for military services,	412 50	Plymouth,	28 12
" " for armory rent,	50 00	Quincy,	4 62
" liquor agent,	81 09	rent of town hall,	60 00
" Dr. Deans,	33 74	Dr. Jas. B. Dean,	66 49
		several school districts, about	1364 87
	$1,443 59		$1884 15
			1443 59
		Balance against town,	$440 56

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF EASTON

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1860.

THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF EASTON respectfully present the following Report for the year ending March 1, 1860: —

TEACHERS.

SUMMER.	WINTER.
DIST. No. 1 — Josephine E. Keith.	DIST. No. 1 — Daniel H. Pratt.
" 2 — Irene S. Wood.	" 2 — Daniel H. Pratt.
" 3 — Sophia E. Pratt.	" 3 — Benj. E. Lincoln.
" 4 — Lemira H. Drake. Luranna H. Copeland.	" 4 — Lemira H. Drake.
" 5 — Mary A. Britton.	" 5 — Virginia Hughes.
" 6 — Catharine R. Curtis. F. Josephine Randall.	" 6 — A. M. Randall.
" 7 — Elighta A. Deane. Louisa C. Deane. Jennie Lake, *Asst.*	" 7 — Joseph Barrows, Esq. Louisa C. Deane. Sophia E. Pratt, *Asst.*
" 8 — A. M. Randall.	" 8 — Elighta A. Dean.
" 9 — Josephine E. Keith.	" 9 — Edgar E. Deane.
" 10 — Virginia Hughes.	" 10 — Virginia Hughes.
" 11 — Mary L. Hartwell.	" 11 — Ezra P. Gould.

Schools in Districts Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4 were under charge of.....D. H. PRATT.
Schools in Districts Nos. 5, 6, 9, and 11 were under charge of G. G. WITHINGTON.
Schools in Districts Nos. 7, 8, and 10 were under charge of.....O. AMES, 3d.

Following are the names of those scholars who deserve honorable mention for the great interest they have manifested in their schools, and the commendable progress they have made in their studies. They have neither been ABSENT nor TARDY during the session of their schools.

SCHOLARS NEITHER ABSENT NOR TARDY.

District No 1.

SUMMER.

Cora F. Dean.

WINTER.

William H. Dean.
Horace T. Mitchell.
Mitchell L. Randall.
Henry D. Newton.
Merton A. Ripley.
George A. Whiting.
Mary E. J. Arnold.
Isabel J. Dean.
Cora F. Dean.
Lucia E. Lothrop.
Carrie E. Newcomb.
Abbie L. Phillips.
Mary L. Whiting.

District No. 2.

SUMMER.

Maria Howard.
Helen J. Gilmore.
Etta H. Gilmore.
Lewis G. White.

WINTER.

Ida L. Curtis.
Lucy E. Curtis.
Helen J. Gilmore.
Etta H. Gilmore.
Maria Howard.
Abbie A. Howard.
Hattie M. Howard.
Mary E. Lunn.
Elvira C. Southworth.
Charles W. Lunn.
Eben W. Packard.

District No. 3.

SUMMER.

Lucy M. Howard.
Ella F. Heath.
Lizzie Heath.
Almira W. Dean.
Eveline Curtis.
Charles J. Wade.
John G. Wade.

WINTER.

John F. Dean.
Nathan M. Hayward.
Frederic H. White.
Samuel A. Hayward.

District No. 4.

Hannah A. Williams.
Sarah A. Spaulding.
Harriet A. White.
Harriet E. Williams.
Susan B. Williams.
Lois S. Gardner.
Ellen M. Williams.
J. Thomas Kimball.
George E. Williams.
Ellis H. Williams.
Hiram K. Spaulding.
Sumner D. Keith.
Alfred F. Foote.
George F. King.

District No. 5.

SUMMER.

Emma R. Crapo.

District No. 7.

SUMMER.

Ettie Sampson.
Henrietta Day.
Martha Day.
Deborah Peck.
Lettie Lincoln.

WINTER.

Sophia E. Pratt.
John Ahern.
James McGlincey.
John McGlincey.
George Standish.
Charles Schindler.
Joseph O'Hanlon.
George Andrews.
Patrick O'Hanlon.
Lizzie Collins.
Vesta Sampson.
Luthera Pratt.

District No. 8.

SUMMER.

Ellen Marshall.
Elsie H. King.
Almira A. Reed.
Sarah E. Dickerman.
J. Herman Tinkham.
James Allen.
Davis Whiting.

WINTER.

Carrie Keith.
Melvina Buck.
Martha Whiting.
Davis Whiting.
Henry Dickerman.
David Tinkham.
Norman Whiting.
Charles Monk.

District No. 9

Martin L. Phillips.
Henry L. Reed.
Charles D. Reed.
George A. Packard.
Ella Dickerman.

District No. 10.

Everett Randall.
Orvil Randall.
Emma Randall.

District No. 11.

SUMMER.

Hattie W. Davidson.
Frank L. Britton.

WINTER.

Hattie W. Davidson.
James McKean.

For the year ending March 1, 1860, Easton appropriated $1800 for the support of her public schools. This sum allows $3.10 for the schooling of each child in town, between the ages of five and fifteen years. Three hundred and four towns in the Commonwealth appropriate more money for the

support of schools in proportion to the number of their scholars, and but twenty-eight towns appropriate less.

Last winter the Legislature passed this act, relating to schools: "In every town of the Commonwealth there shall be kept, for at least six months in each year, at the expense of said town, by a teacher or teachers of competent ability and good morals, a sufficient number of schools for the instruction of all the children who may legally attend public school therein, in orthography, reading, writing, English grammar, geography, arithmetic, the history of the United States, and in good behaviour. Physiology and hygiene shall be taught by lectures or otherwise in all the public schools of the Commonwealth, in which the School Committee shall deem it expedient."

As the schools of the town are now arranged, the amount appropriated for their support is inadequate to carry out the provisions of the above law. Unless some of our schools are discontinued, it will require an appropriation of nearly $2500 to supply them with good and competent teachers. We therefore recommend that the town appropriate the sum of $2500 for the support of the public schools for the ensuing year.

We are happy to report our schools, as a whole, in good and promising condition. They have been taught with as much ability and fidelity as in any previous year. In most of the schools there has been unusual improvement, which proves the teachers to have been industrious, devoted, and successful.

The summer schools in Districts No. 2, 4, 7, and 10, and the winter schools in Districts No. 4, 5, 7 (lower department), 8, 9, and 10, were in every respect satisfactory.

At the commencement of the past year, the schools in Districts No. 2, 4, and 10 were in a bad condition. A succession of incompetent teachers, and the want of a healthy interest on the part of some parents, left a necessary impress on these schools. All of these schools, under the charge of faithful teachers, have made rapid improvement, and at the close of the year were in fine condition.

The teacher in No. 4 is well known, and needs no word of commendation from us. Suffice it to say, that the results accomplished in this school alone would establish an enviable reputation. The teacher in No. 10 deserves special mention for the good work performed in this school. She found it in every sense a bad school. It was a reproach to the good name of the town, both for the ignorance and the manners of its pupils. By her rare talents and aptness for teaching, combined with patient industry, unflinching energy, and untiring devotion to the interests of her pupils, she effected a complete reform in the character of the school. From the lowest rank in deportment and scholarship, it has made steady and rapid improvement. At its close it was in as good condition as any school in town.

In District No. 7, Higher Department, in the Winter Term, some of the larger scholars, encouraged by outside influence, manifested a mutinous and rebellious spirit, which was promptly and effectually suppressed by the teacher. In District No. 10, in the Fall Term, one scholar was expelled from the school for a series of varied impertinences and disobedience. She was allowed to return to the privileges of the school upon making proper acknowledgments and promises. For reasons unknown to the Committee, she was afterwards withdrawn from the school by her parents. With these exceptions, we believe our schools have been entirely quiet and orderly.

In the selection of teachers for the schools, we have in all cases desired to consult the wishes and the interests of the several districts; in this respect the smaller districts cannot feel that we have been unmindful of their interests. As far as practicable, we have retained those teachers who proved most successful. In some cases we were obliged to pay increased compensation in order to retain them. The results, in their schools, show that we did not err in allowing their demands.

Many of the school-houses, and their surroundings, are in a dirty, neglected, and ruinous condition. They offer no attrac-

tion either to scholar or teacher. They are repulsive and uncomfortable in every respect. In some of them we saw little children obliged to sit on seats so high that their feet hung dangling in the air. The air was so impure and noxious that the children were drowsy, restless, and uncomfortable. Teachers and scholars were almost constantly afflicted with headaches, colds, and coughs. Such *child-pens* as these are but hotbeds of disease. District No. 8 is entitled to the *honor* of having the most uncomfortable and unhealthful school-house in the town. The air in the school-room was so pestilential, at the closing examination, that we know more than one of the visitors present left with a distressing headache. Is it any wonder that children dislike to attend school in such school-rooms? Make your school-rooms pleasant, comfortable, and attractive, and your children will at once reward you by the increased interest they will take in their studies. A neat and beautiful school-room will always prove a powerful incentive to exertion on the part of the pupils. The marked interest displayed by the pupils in their studies, and their great average attendance in the new and beautiful school-room of District No. 9, fully sustain our position. We hope the parents in Districts No. 2, 4, 6, 8, and 10 will see that their school-rooms are made comfortable and pleasant for their little ones.

One of the greatest evils of our present school arrangement is the too great number of schools, or the unequal distribution of them. If the number of districts could be reduced from eleven to eight, good results would soon follow. We have no faith in small schools: they save distances it is true; but they multiply classes, waste time, money, and school advantages. It is not good policy to give every small neighborhood a school because it will save travel for a few families. It is no hardship to the earnest pupil to walk one or two additional miles daily, when he is so richly repaid by the far greater facilities for learning offered by large schools. Small schools are neither profitable nor desirable; they are tedious both to teacher and pupils. Of necessity, the classes are so small that the school becomes monotonous. In very small schools, the

stimulus of comparison and the desire to excel, so necessary to sustain a pupil's interest in study, are wanting. He too often but plods slowly in his studies, and is almost invariably far more backward than the scholar of equal age and ability in large schools. There seems to be less mental activity in small schools: this is so apparent that the most casual visitor can hardly fail to notice it. For example, at the closing examination of the summer school, in District No. 6, in 1858, the most advanced class in mathematics, composed of bright-looking scholars, fifteen years of age and upwards, could not perform the simplest examples in the "Reduction of Compound Numbers." In the large schools of the town, there is scarcely a pupil eleven years of age who would fail to perform the same examples. Every study seemed to languish in like manner; yet the exhibition was considered creditable for the school. By the prepared tables it will be seen at what great cost per pupil these small schools are maintained. Is the town satisfied thus to misspend its money for the production of such scholarship?

At a town meeting last fall, we were instructed to appoint some *suitable* and *competent* person superintendent of the public schools, to act under our direction, at a salary of $60 per year. We endeavored to find such a person, and offered it to upwards of *sixty* individuals. Each and every one declined the appointment, either because the salary was inadequate, or because their *modesty* led them to distrust their fitness and qualifications. When convinced that further search for a *suitable* and *competent* person who would serve on the *terms proposed would be futile*, we abandoned the search.

OLIVER AMES, 3D,
DANIEL H. PRATT,
GEO. G. WITHINGTON,
} *School Committee of Easton.*

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REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

THE following report of the financial condition of the Town,—March 1st, 1861,—is respectfully submitted:

ALMSHOUSE ESTABLISHMENT.

ACCOUNT OF STOCK AT ALMSHOUSE, MARCH 1, 1861.

13 1-2 tons English hay, @	$21.00	$283.50
3 1-2 " meadow "	10.00	35.00
1 horse,		115.00
2 oxen,		125.00
8 cows,	30.00	240.00
2 heifers,	20.00	40.00
5 swine,		72.00
8 fowls,	.50	4.00
60 bu. corn,	.90	54.00
8 1-4 bu. rye,	1.00	8.25
22 bu. oats,	.50	11.00
6 1-2 bu. meal,	.90	5.85
3 1-2 bu. beans,	1.50	5.25
150 lbs. shorts		2.00
600 lbs salt beef,	.07	42.00
450 lbs. salt pork,	.11	49.50
250 lbs. ham,	.12½	31.00
117 lbs. butter,	.25	29.25
10 lbs. cheese,	.13	1.30
50 lbs. lard,	.14	7.00
27 lbs. candles,	.14	3.78
115 lbs. dried apples,	.09	10.35
2 bbls. soap,	4.00	8.00
		1183.03

Amount brought forward,			$1183.03
3 1-2 bbls. vinegar,	@	$4.00	14.00
16 1-2 bbls. cider,		2.25	37.25
4 1-2 bbls. apples,		2.00	9.00
120 bu. potatoes,		.50	60.00
125 bu. french turnips,		.33	41.25
5 bu. carrots,		.33	1.65
1 1-2 bu. onions,		.80	1.20
Groceries,			8.00
			1355.38

EXPENDITURES OF ALMSHOUSE.

Paid for groceries,	$76.81
" grain,	147.04
" flour,	82.00
" salt,	2.93
" meat and fish,	17.57
" soap,	8.50
" clothing and bedding,	57.41
" furniture,	1.00
" labor on farm,	67.25
" farming tools,	9.56
" repairs on buildings,	6.15
" grass seed,	8.42
" grass standing,	6.00
" blacksmithing,	14.05
" medicines and medical aid,	15.10
" making cider,	9.77
" wood and coal,	22.72
" stock,	156.00
Due David Hervey, April 1st, 1861,	300.00
" Hannah Willis, "	25.00
Hay, stock &c. on hand, March 1st, 1860,	1554.36
	2587.64

RECEIPTS OF ALMSHOUSE.

By 652 lbs. butter,	$163.00
" milk,	7.40
" calves,	41.87
" 4 oxen sold,	226.20
" hides "	10.56
" lard,	10.50
" soap grease,	3.96
	463.49

Amount brought forward,	$463.49
By 12 swine,	36.00
" vinegar and cider,	30.48
" fowls and eggs,	32.37
" potatoes and turnips,	15.74
" work done for William Reed and others,	88.86
" straw,	2.27
" William Reed, for keeping heifer,	5.00
" Lakeville, for keeping Frances Hudson,	12.25
" L. Howard, for hoop poles,	1.10
" going with hearse to thirty-one funerals,	31.00
" hay, stock &c. on hand, March 1st, 1861,	1355.38
" due from H. Dailey, for rent of Hayden house,	11.67
	2085.61

Expenditures of Almshouse,		$2587.64
Receipts "		2085.61
Balance against Almshouse,		502.03

INMATES OF ALMSHOUSE.

	Age	No. weeks		Age	No. weeks
James Willis,	81	52	Daniel Howard,	66	52
Hannah Willis,	56	52	Anna Hayden,	89	52
Patience Shaw,	89	52	Susanna Drake,	44	22
Asa Drake,	46	52	Eveline A. Drake,	7	46
George Wade,	21	52	Eunice Packard,	69	52
Patty Randall,	84	52	Benjamin A. Smith,	26	46
Almah Dickerman,	14	52	Frances Hudson, *died*,	53	2
Ella A. Dickerman,	9	52	Rebecca Ferguson,	74	9
Otis French,	64	52	Joseph Britton,	41	1
Willard H. Morse,	50	52	Judson Gilbert,	79	1/2

Transient paupers, 13.

Admitted the past year,	5	Now in the Almshouse,	17
Discharged,	2	Males,	9
Died,	1	Females,	8

Average number for the year, 15 35-52.

Cost of each pauper per week, over the income of the farm, 62 cents.

EXPENSES OF POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Paid North Bridgewater, aid to Cyrenas Phillips' child,	$9.05	
" Plymouth, " " "	67.12	
" W. Bridgewater, funeral expenses " "	7.82	
" Charles T. Derry, aid to Mary Packard,	8.25	
" State L. Hospital, aid to John W. Marshall.	162.89	
" " " Joseph Britton,	66.51	
" Mrs. D. French, aid to Sidney French,	39.00	
" J. Kimball, aid to Mrs. Samuel Cordner,	14.50	
" F. W. Fecto, aid to Augustus Phillips,	20.00	
" Dr. G. B. Cogswell, aid to Noah White,	15.00	
" Drake & Goward, " "	17.99	
" Tartius Buck, " "	2.81	
" Treas. State Reform Sch. aid to Edw. Hagerty Jr.	21.95	
" Dr. S. Deans, aid to Constantine Kerley,	7.50	
" Drake & Goward, "	4.76	
" Norton, aid to Benj. A. Smith,	3.00	
" Abington, aid to Geo. Quinley,	13.00	
" O. H. Henshaw, "	1.33	
" Dr. S. Deans, aid to Galen Smith,	12.75	
" Dr. J. C. Swan, "	8.75	
" Walter Webb, aid to Joseph Britton's family,	9.00	
" Plymouth, aid to Isaac Dickerman,	8.50	
" " " Stephen G. Dickerman's first wife,	13.00	
" Drake &. Goward, aid to Richmond Carr,	4.00	
" Lewis M. Thayer, aid to Thomas Nelson,	3.50	
" H. D. Howard, aid to Almira Drew,	4.50	
" Dr. Caleb Swan, "	5.50	
" H. Copeland, "	13.50	
" Dr. J. C. Swan, aid to Henry Drew.	3.00	
" Dr. Caleb Swan, "	6.50	
" H. Copeland, "	1.00	
" Joel S. Drake, "	3.00	
" Dr. Caleb Swan, aid to Nancy Wade.	1.25	
" H. Copeland, "	13.00	
" " Ann Clapp,	2.00	
" " Wm. Blanchard,	1.00	
" Dr. C. Swan, "	3.00	
" " Polly Bachelder,	4.00	
" Sharon, aid to George Randall,	1.00	
" George E. R. Leighton, aid to Rebecca Ferguson,	3.86	
		608.09
Amount due and paid by other towns.		124.24
		483.85

TOWN APPROPRIATIONS, 1860.

Public Schools,	$2,000.00	
Highways,	1,800.00	
Incidental Expenses,	2,500.00	
State Tax,	332.50	
County Tax,	1,261.45	
Overlayings,	382.91	
		8,276.86

Valuation of Town, $1,240,808,00. Number of Polls, 802. Tax on property, 57 cents on $100. Poll tax, $1.50.

APPROPRIATION FOR SCHOOLS.

Paid school districts previous to summer term, 768.02

	Cost of summer term	Cost of winter term	Total
Dist. No. 1	$91.00	$99.67	$190·67
" 2	63.75	126.67	190.42
" 3	54.00	121.67	175.67
" 4	63.12	71.50	134.62
" 5	61.58	86.75	148.33
" 6	68.30	79.25	147.55
" 7	204.00	299.00	503.00
" 8	36.00	*118.39	154.39
" 9	65.00	144.23	209.23
" 10	60.00	71.41	131.41
" 11	93.00	132.50	225.50

Cost of summer and winter terms, 2210.79

2978.81

* Not paid, 118.39

Total amount expended the past year, 2860.42

APPROPRIATIONS FOR ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Dist. Surveyor		Dist. Surveyor	
1. Samuel Simpson,	$133.57	7. Oliver Ames,	146.95
2. Alson Gilmore,	207.05	8. Asahel Wade,	133.57
3. Edwin Howard,	167.00	9. Silas V. Clapp,	153.60
4. Daniel B. Wheaton,	100.18	10. E. Wm. Randall,	187.00
5. Charles Evans,	149.12	11. Lincoln Drake,	191.75
6. Jepthah Buck,	183.80		
Total,			1,753.57

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid John Kimball, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor,	$129.75	
" " cash expenses,	23.72	
" " use of horse and carriage,	25.00	
" Horace D. Howard, Selectman &c.	105.62	
" " use of horse and carriage,	18.50	
" Dan W. Heath, Selectman, &c.	56.25	
" " use of horse and carriage,	2.00	
" Daniel H. Pratt, School Committee,	42.00	
" Lewis B. Bates, "	36.00	
" George G. Withington, "	31.50	
" Henry D. Goward, Constable,	12.50	
" John Kimball, collecting, recording and returning 107 births, 57 deaths and 20 marriages,	30.90	
		513.74

RECAPITULATION.

Paid for support of Poor out of Almshouse,	$483.85	
" " " in "	502.03	
" Public Schools,	2860.42	
" Town Officers,	513.74	
" Roads and Bridges,	1753.57	
		6113.61

We recommend that the Town raise, for expenses the current year, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, ($2500) in addition to what is raised for schools, roads and bridges.

JOHN KIMBALL,
HORACE D. HOWARD, } Selectmen of Easton.
DAN W. HEATH,

LIQUOR AGENCY.

Dr. DAVID HERVEY, AGENT.

Stock on hand at last report,	$66.82	
Balance due "	81.09	
Cash received for liquor to March 1st, 1861,	611.51	
		759.42
Cr.		
Cash paid for liquor to March 1st, 1861,	469.64	
" to town treasury,	100.00	
Salary of Agent,	50.00	
Cash in Agent's hands,	45.17	
Stock on hand,	94.61	
		759.42

Cash and stock belonging to the Town in the Agent's hands, March 1st, 1861, $139.78.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

TOWN OF EASTON IN ACCOUNT WITH J. KIMBALL.

Dr. TREASURER.

To paid sundry town orders,	$1206.60	
" County tax,	1261.45	
" State tax,	332.50	
" David Hervey, as Superintendent,	300.00	
" Hannah Willis,	25.00	
" Parish, for use of town hall,	60.00	
" order for military services,	412.00	
" Highway Surveyors,	1753.57	
" 6 per cent on all taxes,	496.61	
" printing reports, receipts and voters' lists,	26.25	
" School orders,	2860.42	
" postage and express,	4.45	
" Town tax,	23.94	
" J. Kimball, remittances,	86.41	
" O. Ames & Sons, rent of Armory,	60.00	
" for valuation books,	26.15	
" Dr. J. B. Dean's account,	66.49	
To balance in treasury, cash and uncollected taxes,	1126.96	
		10,128.80

Contra, Cr.

By balance in treasury, March 1st, 1860,	$602.42	
" received from State, military bounty,	412.50	
" " School fund,	118.28	
" " rent of Armory,	50.00	
" Samuel Deans, for note,	34.50	
" H. Dailey, rent of Hayden house,	12.00	
" Assessors' warrant for taxes, 1860,	8276.86	
" N. Bridgewater,	14.74	
" Plymouth,	79.00	
" Raynham,	23.50	
" A. A. Rotch, for dog fines,	60.00	
" Isaac Carrier,	10.00	
" 107 dog licenses,	135.00	
" D. Hervey, profits on liquor,	109.00	
		10,128.80

JOHN KIMBALL, Treasurer.

CONDITION OF TREASURY, MARCH 1st, 1861.

Debts.

Due David Hervey, April 1st,	$300.00	
" Hannah Willis, "	25.00	
" Mrs. John Smith,	26.00	
" Stoughton, about	20.00	
" Milford, "	25.00	
" Parish, for rent of town hall,	60.00	
" School district No. 8, for winter term,	118.39	
" Probable cost of summer schools,	900.00	
		1474.33

Assets.

Cash and uncollected taxes in hands of Treasurer,	1126.96	
Due from State for military services,	412.00	
" " armory rent,	50.00	
" Liquor Agent,	139.78	
" Beverly,	7.00	
" Plymouth,	2.00	
		1737.74
Balance in favor of the town,		263.35

SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

In obedience to the laws of this Commonwealth, and agreeably to the expectations of their fellow citizens, the School Committee of Easton would now fulfill their last duty for the year, by reporting to you their doings and the state of the schools under their care. The cause of education is one of deep interest to the entire community, and every person should feel that he has a personal interest in the prosperity of public schools. The money expended in educating the young, is the most profitable of all investments, and should be bestowed *neither sparingly nor grudgingly*. Every dollar expended in fitting the rising generation *for usefulness*, will aid in preventing crime with all its horrors, and the expense of its punishment, which of itself not unfrequently exceeds the cost of education.

Before proceeding to a "detailed report," of the condition of each school, the Committee would congratulate the town upon the eminent degree of success which has crowned the efforts of the teachers. From their previous knowledge of the condition of the schools, and from personal examination at the close of each, your Committee believe the schools to be in a more prosperous condition than ever before; and never before have they stood so high in literary and we trust also, in moral attainments, as they do at the present time.

District No. 1.

SUMMER TERM.—Teacher, Miss Virginia Hughes, of Bridgewater.

This teacher having taught in this town the previous year, your Committee were, from the beginning of the term, confident of a brilliant termination. A good degree of mental activity, and proper deportment in the school room have characterized this school. Constant improvement has been apparent. Though some of the older and more advanced pupils of previous terms have left, their places are creditably filled by those whose earnestness and spirit of application give good promise. The smaller classes in Reading and Geography deserve especial mention. We have known scholars to study these branches all their school days, and yet leave school with less practical knowledge of them than the smaller scholars in this school manifest.

Winter Term.—Teacher, Mr. Charles Swan, of Easton.

This was Mr. Swan's first attempt at teaching, and he being a resident of the district, and having heretofore attended this school as a scholar, some of his pupils evidently took advantage of their acquaintance, and were less orderly in the school-room than they otherwise would have been. Yet we believe that the teacher endeavored to perform his duty faithfully, and to interest his pupils in their various studies. The Committee were pleased with the promptness which was exhibited at the examination of this school; and although incorrect answers were sometimes given, a spirit of willingness was manifested, which would be creditable to any school.

District No. 2.

Summer Term.—Teacher, Miss Hattie A. Babbitt, of Easton.

This school was commenced by a teacher, who at the close of the second week was obliged to retire from the school on account of sickness, much to the regret of the district and of the Committee. After a vacation of nearly two weeks, Miss Babbitt was engaged to finish the term. This was her first attempt as teacher of a public school, yet there appeared to be an earnest desire to perform her part in the instruction of the pupils under her charge. She failed to obtain the confidence, respect and love of some of the scholars; and the consequence was,—irregularity of attendance, inattention to study on the part of some pupils, and a general deficiency of enthusiasm in the school-room. If the parents had not allowed their scholars to leave school, before the close of the term, we think the school would have been profitable to the district. Those scholars that continued through the term, were prompt in their answers and gave evidence of good progress. With more experience, and under more favorable circumstances, we believe Miss Babbitt will make a very successful teacher.

Winter Term.—Teacher, Mr. J. H. Trask, of Maine.

Being unacquainted with the method of instruction usually pursued in this State, and being of an excitable temperament, the teacher in some instances did not succeed in making the explanation of principles plain to his pupils. Mr. Trask commenced his school with a determination to maintain order in the school-room, and he was successful, although some parents did not give him their co-operation and assistance. In most branches the scholars evinced a good degree of improvement, and we believe that this has not been an unprofitable term to the district; yet justice requires us to say that if some parents had more readily acquiesced in the endeavors of the teacher to sustain order, the term would have been more prosperous and more profitable.

District No. 3.

Summer Term.—Teacher, Miss L. Olivet Field of Norton.

This school is small, and the scholars are quite young; yet the teacher by her cheerful countenance and mild government, succeeded in gaining the affections of her pupils, and in advancing them in their studies. At the examination, a noticeable feature was the beautiful manner in which the school-room was trimmed; this, together with the prompt answers to questions in Geography and Arithmetic, rendered the exercises very interesting to the numerous company of spectators present, and highly gratifying to the committee. We thought the reading, especially of the pieces in poetry, hardly equal to what we have sometimes

heard in this school. A little paper denominated "The Bud of Knowledge," containing compositions written by the scholars, was a new feature in this school, and was highly creditable to all concerned.

WINTER TERM.—Teacher, Mr. Edwin D. Howard, of Easton.

Mr. Howard is a resident of this District, and has previously taught this school. The Committee at their several visits found the school orderly, the scholars attentive to their studies, and that teacher and scholars were trying to have a good school. That they succeeded in an eminent degree was quite evident at the close of the term. The improvement made in the important branch of writing surpasses that in any other school in town.

District No. 4.

Teacher, Miss H. Elizabeth Godfrey, of Norton.

This school has been under the care of the same teacher during the year, and it has done well, very well. The attendance, as will be seen by the tables, has been good. The school-room has uniformly presented a scene of good order and diligence; teacher and scholar both evidently attempted their best to make the school a profitable one; and they succeeded. Good progress in the several branches of study has been made. At the closing examination, in summer, the room was decorated with wreaths of evergreens and boquets of beautiful flowers, of which both teacher and scholars might well feel proud. The recitation of a piece of poetry by a little Miss was not the least interesting feature.

District No. 5.

SUMMER TERM.—Teacher, Miss Eliza D. Kingman, of North Bridgewater.

This was her first public school, and being an entire stranger, it necessarily took, as under the same circumstances it always must, a portion of the term before the teacher became fully acquainted with her duty. The mild, yet efficient government, together with the method of teaching, created among the scholars

a good degree of interest in the school. The scholars were more regular in their attendance than during the preceding year. Twenty-two scholars were not tardy; a greater per cent than in any other school in town.

The exercises at the close of the term were satisfactory; good progress was made in most branches taught. If more attention had been given to the reading in prose, we think the school would have shown a greater degree of improvement in this important branch.

FALL TERM.—Teacher, Miss Eliza D. Kingman, of North Bridgewater.

The people of this district were fortunate in securing again the services of the same teacher who taught their school in the summer; and the result was, as we expected, the same pleasant and profitable school. We believe that the interests of those who are confided to her instruction and guidance, will not suffer in any respect; but that, while assiduous in the direct discharge of her duties, she will also be desirous of exerting a good moral influence.

District No. 6.

SUMMER TERM.—Teacher, Miss Harriet C. Billings, of Sharon.

Miss Billings evidently tried her best to make the school a profitable one, and to perform her duty faithfully; but the school was small, and there was not created among the scholars that earnest desire for knowledge, so essential to the realization of the full benefits of the school-room. The school was in a backward condition, and one term would not suffice to place it on an equal standing with other schools in town; yet your Committee believe that progress was made in most of the branches taught. The writings, and recitations in arithmetic, give evidence of a want of attention. In some instances words of eight letters were written with only four; giving abundant proof that the scholars gave but little thought to their work.

WINTER TERM.—Teacher, Miss Eliza M. Bassett, of Winslow, Maine.

There is the least number of scholars in this district of any in town; and as each individual scholar has a greater proportion of the teacher's time, some would expect to find the scholars farther advanced than in our larger schools. But such is not the case. Although the pupils in this district are not so far advanced as in some of our larger schools, yet the progress made during this term has done much towards placing them on an equal footing with our best pupils. Commendable advancement has been made in the various branches; but the most marked improvement was noticeable in the arithmetic and writing. Never have we seen the scholars in this district exhibit so perfect an understanding of the principles of arithmetic as at the closing examination.

District No. 7.

SUMMER TERM.—PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.—Teacher, Miss Hannah A. Cushing, of Taunton. Assistant, Miss Elizabeth Packard, of Easton.

The selection which was made of a teacher for this school, proved a profitable one to all concerned. Miss Cushing evidently loves little children, and therefore performs her duties with a zest that cannot fail to interest and instruct her pupils. It is not the amount, but the kind of knowledge that the teacher instils into the minds of these little ones, by which they prove themselves worthy or unworthy their situation. Much attention was given to reading and spelling, and in these branches the pupils acquitted themselves nobly. The teacher endeavored to lead her pupils in the light, and to impress upon their minds the higher principles of life. Miss Cushing has had considerable experience in schools of this class, and seems peculiarly adapted to the situation.

Miss Packard rendered herself highly useful, and undoubtedly deserves a portion of the credit belonging to the teachers of this school.

HIGHER DEPARTMENT.—Teacher, Miss Elighta A. Dean, of Easton.

The Committee in all their visits to this department, had evidence that the parents had not lost their interest in the education of their children, nor their confidence in Miss Dean as instructress. Under the judicious management of Miss Dean, the school made rapid strides in the path of knowledge; distinctness of voice and a perfect understanding of the ground gone over, marked all the exercises. Everything at the closing examination was as it should be.

WINTER TERM.—PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.—Teacher, Miss Hannah A. Cushing. Assistant, Miss Jennie Lake, of Easton.

This school had the same teacher during the year. The large number of scholars and the inconvenient character of the room made the care of this school an arduous business. Taking these things into the account, we think the school has done well, and that the teacher has been rewarded for her faithful labors with as good results as she could reasonably expect.

HIGHER DEPARTMENT.—Teacher, Mr. Gilford Morse, of Sharon.

Mr. Morse brought to this school, better *literary* than executive qualifications. He was diligent and appeared desirous to be useful to his pupils. But your committee reluctantly came to the conclusion that the pupils did not make so much improvement as could reasonably be expected in a school of this character.

District No. 8.

The school in this district has been under the charge of the School Committee of Stoughton.

District No. 9.

SUMMER TERM.—Teacher, Miss Elizabeth F. Clark, of Easton.

Miss Clark is a resident of this district, and therefore was somewhat familiar with the character of the scholars and the condition of the school. This knowledge was of decided benefit, both to her and her pupils, as it enabled her to carry them on more

promptly in their studies at the beginning of the term, than if she had been a stranger. Good order was maintained, and commendable advancement made in the attainment of knowledge; but the low tone in which several of the pupils read, detracted much from the interest in this branch. The exercises in arithmetic were exceedingly interesting, showing that the scholars had not been taught "parrot like," but that they had a thorough understanding of the principles of the branch. It is worthy of notice that at the close of the third term in the new school-house of this district, the Committee were unable to find a single mark defacing a desk or other parts of the school-room.

WINTER TERM.—Teacher, Rev. Geo. G. Withington, of Easton.

This school having been taught by a member of your committee, and believing as we do, that no person or body of men should judge their own doings, we leave this school, being satisfied that those interested are fully capable of appreciating the labors of the teacher.

District No. 10.

SUMMER TERM.—Teacher, Miss Hattie L. Messinger, of Wrentham.

This school was under the charge of a teacher who came highly recommended, and no doubt, possessed many of the qualifications necessary for a useful teacher. She had that kindness and gentleness of disposition which naturally call out the like qualities in others. But she seemed to lack that energy and decision of character, which secure respect and obedience by their own native force and application. Miss Messinger gives her whole attention to the classes reciting, while the remainder of the scholars are unheeded. This is productive of restlessness upon the part of some scholars, and dispels the quietness so pleasing in the school room. The recitations at the close of the term evinced a greater degree of improvement than was anticipated by your committee. With more attention to the order, upon the part of the teacher, and greater care upon the part of the scholars, the school would appear to better advantage, and be productive of greater good.

WINTER TERM.—Miss Messinger again took charge of this school. And your committee are happy to be able to speak in terms of commendation, as regards order and the usefulness of the school. Perceptible improvement was made from the previous term. The teacher exercised more energy, and a greater degree of quietness pervaded the school room. The recitations evinced care on the part of the teacher; and altogether we believe that the term has been a profitable one to the district.

District No. 11.

SUMMER TERM.—Teacher, Miss F. Josephine Randall, of Easton.

The people of this district were fortunate in securing the services of a teacher who has had considerable experience both in this and the neighboring towns. The school at the commencement of the term was not in a very prosperous condition; but under the management of its judicious teacher, order was restored. The progress in the branches pursued during the term was commendable, both to teacher and scholars. Your committee never have seen the school when it appeared in a more prosperous condition than at the closing examination. Many of the scholars are quite young, yet the room was exceedingly quiet throughout the exercises, which passed off pleasantly, and apparently to the entire satisfaction of the many parents and friends present. We consider this one of the best and most advanced schools we have in town.

WINTER TERM.—Teacher, D. H. Pratt, of Easton.

The teacher of this school being a member of your committee, we do not feel justified in speaking of the advancement made during the term; but justice to the parents, and also to the pupils, require that we speak of and commend the regularity and punctuality with which the scholars attended school. The average attendance was much better than in any other school in town; it being *ninety-five per cent* of the whole number of scholars.

SCHOOL HOUSES.

It is very essential to the fullest realization of the benefits to be derived from our common schools, that the school houses should be made comfortable, well ventilated, and of sufficient size to accommodate all who may wish to attend school in them. They should be attractive in their external appearance, and in their internal arrangement. Scholars obliged to sit upon narrow seats with perpendicular backs, soon become weary and exhibit a spirit of restlessness. Were the parents in the districts, either 2, 4, 5, 6 or 10, obliged to occupy the place their children do, for one cold week during the winter term, we think the cold, the uncomfortable seats, and the unpleasant appearance of the school room, would so act as an incentive, that each of these districts would be graced with an edifice comfortable in size, temperature and internal arrangement, before the close of the year.

The past year, a beautiful and well arranged school house has been erected in District No. 8. It is an inducement to the scholars to attend punctually and to labor earnestly; an ornament to the neighborhood; and a lasting benefit to the future as well as present generation. The erection of such a school house is an honor to the people of the district, and an example worthy of imitation by the inhabitants of districts No. 2, 4, 5, 6 and 10.

PARENTAL VISITS.

These, we believe, have had an important influence for good over our schools for the past year. These have been, in several districts, quite frequent; more so, taking the registers for our basis of judgment, than for many years before. We might ask if any regret spending a little time and strength in this way? If all do not, on the contrary, feel amply repaid in the pleasure to themselves? But if they fully realized how directly and largely they have thus contributed to the encouragement and efficiency of the teacher, and consequently to the improvement of those under his care, they must feel additional delight. We regard the

visits of parents to the school as among the most direct means of their success and elevation. Children are wonderfully prone to be interested in what interests older people, especially those in whom they have confidence,—whom they love.

Could this matter be seen in its true light, there is no doubt that the *rule* of every parent or guardian, sending children to school, would be to spend a little time in that school, at least *once* each term. We may be allowed to suggest, that it would be well if these visits were scattered more equally over the session, rather than deferred, as is generally the case, until the closing examination. This would enable parents to know for themselves, how things are conducted with reference to the education of their children, and to judge whether the condition of the school-house and its furniture is such as to promote or preserve the health of their children. Thus they see what things are wanting and where improvement can be advantageously made; and from this personal acquaintance with the condition and wants of the school, they are led to make the necessary appropriation, and give their assistance for the securing of whatever will advance their welfare. We hope this interest and the manner of manifesting it will continue to increase.

TABLE.

SUMMER SCHOOLS.

Districts, No.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	7*	9	10	11
Length of School, in weeks,	14	12	12	11	12	12	12	12	13	12	13
Whole number of scholars,	53	42	26	32	30	18	48	104	34	40	65
No. between 5 and 15 years of age,	51	40	18	29	25	16	46	102	31	36	56
No. over 15 years of age,	1	2	4	2	0	2	2	0	0	4	5
No. under 5 " "	1	0	4	1	5	0	0	2	3	0	4
Average attendance,	39.6	26.2	21.5	29.0	26.3	14.4	41.5	83.2	28.4	30.8	52.0
No. of scholars not tardy,	24	5	3	13	22	16	32	7	12	13	13
No. of tardinesses,	71	315	115	105	13	6	87	598	105	99	332
Teachers' wages per month,	$26.00	$21.00	$18.00	$22.00	$20.00	$22.00	$29.00	$38.00	$20.00	$20.00	$25.00
Amount received by teachers as pay,	91.00	63.00	54.00	60.50	60.00	66.00	87.00	114.00	65.00	60.00	81.25
Cost of each scholar per week,	.17.3	.12.5	.17.3	.17.1	.16.7	.30.5	.15	.09.1	.14.7	.12.5	.09.6

WINTER SCHOOLS.

Length of School, in weeks,	10	12	12	13	12	12	12	12	13	12	11
Number of Scholars,	55	52	32	40	38	20	88	128	34	33	72
No. between 5 and 15 years of age,	46	37	23	35	32	17	77	128	27	32	57
No. over 15 years of age,	8	15	9	4	1	3	11	0	7	0	12
No. under 5 " "	1	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	1	3
Average attendance,	47.7	47.	27.7	33.1	31.3	15.6	70.1	98.1	28.1	23.	67 9
No. of scholars not tardy,	31	27	5	20	25	1	32	14	20	11	39
No. of tardinesses,	108	172	355	204	22	168	138	628	100	101	157
Teacher's wages per month,	$35.00	$40.00	$35.00	$22.00	$26 00	$22.00	$46.00	$37.00	$40 00	$22.00	$30 00
Amount received by teachers as pay,	87.50	120.00	105 00	71.50	78.00	69.00	138.00	111.00	130.00	66.00	137.50
Cost of each scholar per week,	.15.9	.19.2	.27.3	.13.7	.16.6	.28.7	.13.0	.07.2	.29.4	.16.6	.17.3

* Primary department. In district No. 7, the wages of teachers include the wages of assistant.

IRREGULARITY AND TARDINESS.

This subject has been spoken of again and again, but the evil, the *great* evil remains. There is no one thing that affects the prosperity of our schools so directly as this. We may have excellent teachers, good school-houses, and everything necessary for a profitable school; and yet, if the parents allow their children to be irregular in attendance, we shall fail to realize that great amount of good which our public schools are capable of producing. The right to attend school and obtain an education is the birth-right of every child in the Commonwealth; and no person, no parent even, has any *legal* or *moral* right to withhold from any child, this lawful inheritance. How often, for some trifling matter, the child is kept at home, and in a day or two he is again absent. If he remains at home to-day, he is unfit to go on with his class to-morrow, because he knows not the lesson of to-day, which is indispensable to his understanding the one of to-morrow. The progress of the pupil is impeded, he loses his interest, the class is injured, and the teacher is discouraged in seeing his efforts to advance his pupils defeated.

Parents, will you look at the actual loss you bring upon your children, as shown by the following statements?

In the summer, 492 children attended our schools, while the average attendance was only 392; leaving 100 children who were absent each day; or a little more than one-fifth part of the whole number.

In the winter, 592 children attended school, and the average was 491, leaving 101 absent each day; more than one-sixth part of the whole number. The returns of the assessors of the town, show 596 children between the ages of 5 and 15, upon the first of May, 1860. Comparing this number with the school registers of our town, we find *there have been the past year over sixty children between five and fifteen who have not attended school at all.* This number added to the absentees among those who have attended, swells the number of children absent from school upon an average to 160; more than *one-fourth* of the whole number in town.

Thus it will be seen that more than one-fourth of all the money appropriated to support of schools is lost by the non-attendance of your children. Again, if we take into consideration the deleterious effects upon our schools of this irregularity in attendance, it will make the actual loss from this cause *even more than above stated.* Parents, citizens, friends of education, are you satisfied to have so large a portion of our public school money thus squandered? If not, see to it that your children attend school regularly.

Before closing our report, we wish to call the attention of parents to the practice that has become quite too frequent; that of siding with your children, when they have disobeyed the rules of school. Teachers are but human, and like all persons, are liable to err; but is it good policy to speak of the teacher's faults in presence of his pupils? By so doing you will lessen their respect for, and their confidence in him as a teacher; and thus you sow the seed of arrogance. If a teacher in the discharge of his duty, and for the better maintenance of order, believes it necessary to resort to corporal punishment, and by inflicting said punishment lays himself liable to a fine, is it good policy, or will it promote the future well being and decorum of your children, or add to the prosperity of our schools, to prosecute the teacher in our courts of justice? Do not parents uphold their children in violating the rules of the school, and countenance them in their rebellion against necessary regulations, by such prosecutions? Most certainly they do. We do not, and we never can uphold a teacher in punishing a pupil from revengeful motives; but we believe it to be the teacher's duty to enforce all needful rules, and that he is justified in the use of corporal punishment, until the scholar promises compliance with the rules; and it is the duty of all parents to sustain and countenance the teacher in his endeavors to maintain order.

We subjoin the names of those scholars who deserve particular notice for their regularity and punctuality, they having neither been *absent* nor *tardy* during the session, hoping others will be stimulated to do likewise.

District No. 1.

SUMMER.

Harriet A Hayward,
Carrie E. Newcomb,
Mary Hurst,

WINTER.

Luella Austin,
Isabel J. Dean,
Cora F. Dean,
Cora M. Frost,
Lucia E. Lothrop,
Carrie E. Newcomb,
Mary L. Whitney,

District No. 2.

SUMMER.

Ida L. Curtis,
Charles W. Lunn,

WINTER.

George M. D. Packard,
Warren Mansfield,
Eustis K. Clapp,
Asaph Howard,
Levis J. White,
Maria Howard,
Katie H. Britt,
Lucy Mansfield,
Sarah Ames,
Lucy Curtis,
Lizzie Reed,
Roger S. Howard,
Charles Bachelder,

District No. 3.

SUMMER.

L. Maria Delano,
Elisha F. White,

WINTER.

J. Preston Howard,
Adoniram Hayward,
Nahum M. D. Hayward,

District No. 4.

SUMMER.

Ellis H. Williams,
Clifton Williams,
LeRoy H. White,
Lois S. Gardner,
Sarah A. Spaulding,

WINTER.

Ellis H. Williams,
Sumner D. Keith,
Hiram K. Spaulding,
Harriet E. Williams,
Ellen M. Williams,
Lois S, White,
Sarah A. Spaulding,

District No. 5.

SUMMER.

Ellen E. Goward,

WINTER.

Mary E. Drake,
Ellen E. Goward,
Addie M. Curtis,
Hattie E. Keith.

District No. 6.

SUMMER.

Phebe I. Britton,
Lauretta J. Wilson,
George H. Fobes,
Charles L. Wilson,

WINTER.

George H. Fobes,

District No. 7.

SUMMER.

Everett Foster,
Willie Packard,
Augustus Osgood,
Henrietta Day,
Victorine Foster,

Callie Packard,
Martha Day,
Nettie Russell,

WINTER.

Jennie F. Warner,
Lucy French,
Luthera Pratt,
Vesta Sampson,
Edith Williams,
Frank Humphrey,
Frank Pratt,
Henry W. Williams,
Frank Peck,
Charles L. Littlefield,
H. Augustus Osgood,
Henrietta Day,
Ettie Sampson,
Victorine Foster,
Sarah Barrows,
Emily Gallagher,

District No. 8.

SUMMER.

Levina A. Buck,
Josephine Marshall,
Sarah E. Dickerman,
Lenora Dickerman,
Norman Whiting,
J. Herman Tinkham,
Herbert Marshall,

District No. 9.

SUMMER.

Josephine C. Keith,
Henry L. Packard,
George M. Packard,
Henry Keith,
George W. Reed,

WINTER.

Martin L. Phillips,
Henry L. Reed,
Henry L. Packard,
Frederic S. Packard,
George M. Reed,
William Packard,

District No. 10.

WINTER.

Emmaletta Smith,
Deroice Smith,
James Smith,

District No. 11.

SUMMER.

Julia W. Davidson,
Mary J. Matthews,
Charles F. Belcher,
John Welsh,
Frederic G. King,

WINTER.

George C. Belcher,
William T. Belcher,
Charles F. Belcher,
Frank Britton,
Edward P. Drake,
George F. King,
Fred D. King,
Frank E. King,
James McKeon,
Nathaniel C. Newcomb,
John Needham,
Jerome B. Pratt,
John Welsh,
Minnie C. Belcher,
Elmina D. Britton,
Cynthia Britton,
Wealthy Bonney,
Manetta A. Cobbett,
Lizzie W. Davidson,
Hattie W. Davidson,
Julia W. Davidson,
Margaret Desmond,
Sarah Hoxie,
Sarah L. King,
Mary J. Matthews,
Mary McKeon,
Jane R. Newcomb,
Sarah B. Pratt,
Lizzie M. Pratt,

Fellow Citizens: in drawing this report to its close, your committee would continue to urge upon your consideration the welfare of our schools. If you would have your children maintain an honorable literary position, and not fall behind those of other portions of the Commonwealth, your schools must be continued through eight or ten months of the year. Let the interest in them be increased rather than diminished; and remember that in matters of education as in other things, those "who would reap bountifully must sow bountifully."

D. H. PRATT,
GEO. G. WITHINGTON,
L. B. BATES,
} *School Committee of Easton.*

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REPORT

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SELECTMEN AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The following report of the financial condition of the town,—March 1st, 1862,—is respectfully submitted.

ALMSHOUSE ESTABLISHMENT.

ACCOUNT OF STOCK AT ALMSHOUSE, MARCH 1, 1862.

18 1-2 tons English hay,	$296 00	
1 1-2 tons meadow hay,	12 00	
1 horse,	100 00	
2 oxen,	125 00	
8 cows,	240 00	
5 swine,	45 00	
33 fowls,	16 50	
8 bu. rye,	8 00	
40 bu. oats,	20 00	
44 bu. corn,	33 00	
5 bu. beans,	11 25	
600 lbs. fine feed,	6 66	
6 bu. meal,	4 50	
3-4 bbl. flour,	6 00	
4 bu. beets,	1 33	
146 bu. potatoes,	73 00	
34 bu. French turnips.	8 00	
280 lbs. bacon,	25 20	
21 lbs. sausages,	2 10	
700 lbs. pork,	70 00	
500 lbs. beef.	30 00	
		1,133 54

Amount brought forward,	1,133 54	
287 lbs. lard,	31 57	
20 lbs. cheese,	2 00	
153 lbs. butter,	33 66	
51 lbs. candles,	6 37	
2 bbls. soap,	8 00	
1-2 bu. cranberries,	1 00	
74 lbs. dried apples,	9 62	
Groceries,	10 20	
15 bbls. vinegar,	52 50	
2 1-2 bbls. cider,	7 50	
		1,295 96

EXPENDITURES OF ALMSHOUSE.

Paid for groceries,	77 49	
" grain,	120 17	
" flour,	100 12	
" salt,	4 84	
" meat and fish,	23 66	
" soap,	13 42	
" clothing and bedding,	84 51	
" furniture,	6 18	
" labor on farm,	72 92	
" farming tools,	23 76	
" repairs on buildings,	11 28	
" grass and garden seeds,	8 66	
" blacksmithing,	14 88	
" medicines and medical aid,	8 20	
" making cider,	3 90	
" wood and coal,	6 00	
" stock,	25 50	
" fencing,	1 92	
" burials,	20 80	
" school books,	2 03	
" miscellaneous,	3 28	
Due Hannah Willis, April 1st, 1862,	25 00	
" Francis Dunbar, April 1st, 1862,	250 00	
Hay, stock, &c., on hand March 1st, 1861,	1,355 38	
Express wagon,	33 50	
		2,297 40

RECEIPTS OF ALMSHOUSE.

By 703 lbs. butter,	154 82	
" milk,	12 29	
" calves,	48 30	
" hides,	9 67	
" soap grease,	2 83	
" 9 swine,	28 95	
" vinegar and cider,	34 67	
" fowls and eggs,	28 27	
" potatoes and turnips,	69 16	
" work done for individuals,	49 98	
" straw,	17 63	
" hoop poles,	4 00	
" pasturing,	7 00	
" grain,	21 08	
" apples,	7 00	
" keeping travelers,	3 90	
" straw braid,	1 00	
" meat,	8 32	
" going with hearse to thirty-three funerals in town,	33 00	
" going with hearse to three funerals out of town,	4 50	
" hay, stock, &c on hand March 1st, 1862,	1,295 96	
		1,832 23

Expenditures of Almshouse,	2,297 40	
Receipts of "	1,832 33	
Balance against Almshouse,		465 07

INMATES OF ALMSHOUSE.

	Age.	No. weeks.		Age.	No. weeks.
James Willis, *died*	82	19	Daniel Howard,	67	52
Hannah Willis,	57	52	Anna Hayden,	91	52
Patience Shaw, *died*,	90	31	Eunice Packard,	70	52
Asa Drake,	47	52	Benjamin A. Smith,	26	6
George Wade,	22	52	Rebecca Ferguson,	74	1
Patty Randall,	85	52	Joseph Britton,	41	3
Almah Dickerman,	15	52	Judson Gilbert,	80	52
Ella A. Dickerman,	10	28	Betsey Phillips,	77	47
Otis French,	65	52	Wm. H. French,	14	41
Willard H. Morse, *died*,	50	2	Hannah Niles,	82	34
Freeman Lothrop,	56	1	Triphena Cordner,	75	14
Charles Hardy,	35	5	Noah White,	55	12
Melinda White,	44	12	Louisa White,	14	12

	Age.	No. weeks.		Age.	No. weeks.
Adalaide White,	11	12	Nancy M. White,	4	12
Mary A. White,	2	12	Henry White,	8	12
Noah White Jr.,	6	12	Transient paupers,		19

Admitted the past year,	14	Now in Almshouse,	23
Discharged,	4	Males,	9
Died,	3	Females,	14

Average number for the year, 16 35-52.

Cost of each pauper per week, over the income of the farm, 54 cents.

EXPENSES OF POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Paid Stoughton, aid to Howard Randall,	8 00	
" " " Mrs. Benjamin Britton,	1 00	
" Randolph, aid to Howard Randall,	3 00	
" Mrs. John Smith, aid to Chloe Willis,	26 00	
" James P. Middleton, aid to Honora Connor,	10 50	
" Joseph Barrows, " " "	1 28	
" " " aid to John McCaugh,	7 35	
" James McEntee, " " "	5 00	
" Treas. State Reform School, aid to Edw. Haggerty,	26 03	
" John Kimball, aid to Mrs. Charles Randall,	2 00	
" Quincy, aid to Mary Packard,	45 50	
" North Bridgewater, aid to Mrs. Ambrose Randall,	5 00	
" State L. Hos., Taunton, aid to John W. Marshall,	157 43	
" " " " " Joseph Britton,	118 81	
" Medway, funeral expenses of Jos. Britton's child,	10 50	
" Abington, aid to Amos Wade,	4 00	
" David Cobb, " " "	2 00	
" Dr. J. C. Swan, aid to John McCaugh,	3 00	
" Funeral expenses of Josiah White,	9 23	
" Mrs. D. French, aid to Sidney French,	39 00	
" Dr. S. Deans, aid to Gardner White,	1 50	
" " " " Isaac Bates,	11 50	
" Tisdale Fuller, " " "	80 00	
" Funeral expenses of Isaac Bates,	11 25	
" Plymouth, aid to Isaac Dickerman and mother,	17 00	
" Attleboro', aid to Laura Dunbar,	2 00	
" " " Mrs. Vesta A. Smith,	27 49	
" " " Mrs. Elizabeth Vaughn,	3 00	
" Tartius Buck, aid to Noah White,	3 00	
" Joel S. Drake, " " "	5 33	
		646 70

Amount brought forward,		646 70
Paid O. Ames & Sons, aid to Noah White,	17 26	
" Dr. G. B. Cogswell, " "	10 00	
" Salem, aid to Zibeon Terril,	3 86	
" O. Ames & Sons, aid to Mrs. Mary Holmes,	16 00	
" Francis Phillips, aid to Mrs. Duane Baker,	3 00	
" George Copeland, " " "	5 00	
" " " " Mrs. Polly Bachelder,	22 00	
" " " " Nancy Wade,	26 00	
" " " " Almira Drew,	26 00	
" " " " Ziba Wade,	1 00	
" " " " Dean Ramsdell,	3 00	
" H. D. Howard, aid to Nancy Wade,	4 50	
" " " " Mrs. Polly Bachelder,	2 25	
" " " " Mrs. Almira Drew,	2 25	
" E. J. W. Morse, " " " "	4 85	
" " " " Mrs. Polly Bachelder,	2 25	
" Joseph Barrows, aid to Mary Roberts,	8 00	
" Joel S. Drake, aid to Nelson M. Randall,	5 00	
" " " " Ezra Shaw,	2 00	
" " " " Silas Shaw,	6 92	
" " " " Tyler F. Clapp,	4 00	
" " " " Mrs. Mitchell Hersey,	12 71	
" " " " Mrs. Stedman Allen,	11 36	
" D. B. Wheaton, " " " "	4 00	
" J. Barrows, aid to Emily Carroll,	2 00	
" Dr. C. Swan, aid to Nancy Wade,	2 50	
" " " " Almira Drew,	2 00	
" " " " Tyler F. Clapp's child,	2 00	
" Medway, aid to Joseph Britton,	12 00	
" Joel S. Drake, aid to Peter Nelson,	121 00	
		991 41
Amount due and paid by other towns,		341 06
		650 35

TOWN APPROPRIATIONS, 1861.

Public Schools,	2,500 00	
Highways,	1,500 00	
Widening roads, and land damage,	131 00	
Incidental expenses,	2,500 00	
State Tax,	426 00	
County Tax,	1,437 04	
Overlayings,	314 66	
		8,809 00

Valuation of Town, $1,162,538 00. Number of polls, 835. Tax on property, 65 cts. on $100. Poll tax, $1 50.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR SCHOOLS.

Paid school districts, previous to summer term, $109 00

	Cost of Summer Term.	Cost of Winter Term.	Total.
Dist. No. 1	$80 00	$96 50	$176 50
" 2	60 00	140 00	200 00
" 3	57 75	112 50	170 25
" 4	66 50	106 75	173 25
" 5	67 41	82 75	150 16
" 6	56 24	106 50	162 74
" 7	319 06	478 58	797 64
" 8	61 57	150 55	212 12
" 9	62 50	136 35	198 85
" 10	61 87	67 12	128 99
" 11	83 50	150 00	233 50

Cost of summer and winter terms, 2,604 00

Total amount expended the past year, 2,713 00

APPROPRIATIONS FOR ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Commissioners,

Oliver Ames,	400 00
Alson Gilmore,	380 86
Tisdale Harlow,	367 70
Edmond Lothrop,	435 20
	1,583 76

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid John Kimball, Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor,	$75 02
" " " use of horse and carriage,	18 51
" " " cash expenses,	92
" Horace D. Howard, Selectman, &c.,	76 25
" " " use of horse and carriage,	10 75
" Joseph Barrows, Selectman, &c.,	65 50
" " " use of horse and carriage,	6 69
" " " cash expenses,	50
" John Kimball, Clerk, collecting, recording and returning 111 births, 47 deaths, 23 marriages, and 102 dog licenses,	41 40

Paid John Kimball, Treasurer, for services in borrowing money, and paying the same to soldiers and their families,	$25 00	
" George Brett, constable,	9 56	
" Henry D. Goward, constable,	2 50	
" Alson Gilmore, road commissioner,	20 25	
" Tisdale Harlow, " "	22 00	
" Edmond Lothrop, " "	10 00	
" George G. Withington, School Committee,	44 25	
" Daniel H. Pratt, " "	36 00	
" Henry J. Fuller, " "	36 00	
		501 10

RECAPITULATION.

Paid for support of poor out of Almshouse,	650 35	
" " " in "	465 07	
" Public Schools,	2,713 00	
" Town Officers,	501 10	
" Roads and Bridges,	1,583 76	
" Widening roads, and land damage,	189 04	
" Clearing roads of snow,	247 20	
		6,349 52

We recommend that the town raise, for expenses the current year, the sum of three thousand dollars, ($3,000) in addition to what is raised for schools, roads and bridges.

JOHN KIMBALL,
HORACE D. HOWARD,
JOSEPH BARROWS,
} Selectmen of Easton.

LIQUOR AGENCY.

Dr. FRANCIS DUNBAR, AGENT.

Stock and cash on hand, at last report.	$139 78	
Cash received for liquor, to March 1st, 1862,	653 01	
		792 79

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Cash paid for liquors, to March 1st, 1862,	390 12	
Cash paid to town treasury,	200 00	
Salary of Agent,	50 00	
Cash in Agent's hands,	41 14	
Stock on hand,	111 53	
		792 79

Cash and stock belonging to the town, in the Agent's hands, March 1st, 1862, $152 67.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

TOWN OF EASTON, IN ACCOUNT WITH JOHN KIMBALL, TREASURER.

Dr.

To paid sundry town orders,	3,679 91	
" State tax,	426 00	
" County tax,	1,437 04	
" David Hervey, as Superintendent, 1860-61,	300 00	
" Hannah Willis,	25 00	
" Parish, for use of town hall,	60 00	
" 6 per cent on all taxes,	528 54	
" printing school report of 1860,	12 00	
" " town and school report of 1861,	30 00	
" " posters, receipts, and certificates,	10 00	
" " valuation of town,	100 00	
" school orders,	2,713 00	
" Town farm tax,	28 14	
" O. Ames & Sons, rent of Armory,	60 00	
" Dr. G. B. Cogswell, for medical aid to paupers, from March 1st to Dec. 1st,	30 00	
" Richard A. Leonard, for injuries received on highways,	62 50	

Amount brought forward,		
" Bristol County Bank, note and interest,	510 25	
" John Kimball, collector, remittances,	85 62	
" O. Ames, for widening road, near J. Barrows,	114 00	
" " " " J. Willis,	54 04	
" cost of suit in case of George W. Keith, vs. Inhabitants of Easton,	595 00	
" soldiers and their families,	6,155 26	
To balance in the treasury,	809 65	
		17,825 95

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By balance in the treasury, March 1st, 1861,	1,126 96	
" received from State military bounty,	412 00	
" " Armory rent,	50 00	
" " School fund,	115 64	
" Beverly, for aid to paupers,	7 00	
" Plymouth, " "	15 35	
" T. G. Marshall, for aid to J. W. Marshall,	15 00	
" J. Kimball, for 102 dog licenses,	114 00	
" Henry Dailey, for Hayden house,	14 00	
" on loan of Charles L. Britton,	200 00	
" " Emery Goward,	150 00	
" " Bristol County Bank,	1,500 00	
" " Josiah L. Newcomb,	1,500 00	
" " Charlotte A. Clarke,	100 00	
" " Horace D. Howard,	600 00	
" " Charles Hayward,	100 00	
" " James H. Leonard,	227 00	
" " John Kimball,	1,000 00	
" " James Leonard,	300 00	
" " Edwin T. Goward,	100 00	
" " B. A Howard,	600 00	
" " Elijah Howard,	400 00	
" " Henry J. Fuller,	170 00	
" Assessors' warrant for taxes, 1861,	8,809 00	
" Francis Dunbar,	200 00	
		17,825 95

JOHN KIMBALL, Treasurer.

CONDITION OF TREASURY, MARCH 1, 1862.

Debts.

Due Francis Dunbar, April 1st,		250 00
" Hannah Willis, April 1st,		25 00
" Canton,		12 00
" Parish for rent of Town Hall,		60 00
" Charles L. Britton, note,		200 00
" Emory Goward,	"	150 00
" Josiah L. Newcomb,	"	1,500 00
" Bristol County Bank, note,		1,000 00
" Charlotte A. Clarke,	"	100 00
" Horace D. Howard,	"	600 00
" Charles Hayward,	"	100 00
" James H. Leonard,	"	227 00
" John Kimball,	"	1,000 00
" James Leonard,	"	300 00
" Edwin F. Goward,	"	100 00
" B. A. Howard,	"	600 00
" Elijah Howard,	"	400 00
" Henry J. Fuller,	"	170 00
" Interest on above notes,		120 00
		——6,914 00

Assets.

Cash and uncollected taxes in hands of Treasurer,			809 65
Due from State, for aid to soldiers' families,			2,946 62
" " " paupers,			10 00
" Plymouth	"	"	126 50
" Beverly,	"	"	30 50
" Canton,	"	"	121 00
" Lakeville,	"	"	3 00
" Newton,	"	"	12 71
			——4,059 98
Balance against the town,			2,854 02

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

CITIZENS OF EASTON:—

The Board of School Committee, in accordance with law and custom, respectfully offer the following report of the condition of the public schools of the town, for the school year 1861–62.

In the eleven school districts have been kept thirteen public schools, for the term of six months; in which have been employed 22 teachers,—8 males and 14 females.

The whole number of children in the town, between 5 and 15 years of age, on the 1st of May 1861, was 623. Of these, the records show 601 to have attended school, or a percentage of 96, besides 123 scholars above or under the specified age, at an average cost for each individual, of .169 per week.

An appropriation of $2,500.00 was made last spring for the public schools. Of this, $2,433.50 have been paid to teachers, at an average compensation per month of $42.22 to males, and $22.69 to females! The committee recommend that for the ensuing year, a no less amount be appropriated.

The following detailed reports of the schools are submitted by the sub-committees having them in charge.

FIRST DIVISION.

DISTRICT No. 1. Teacher, Miss Elizabeth A. Kingman, of N. Bridgewater. Miss Kingman had charge of the school during the Summer and Winter terms. Not having the benefit of experience in her work, it was some time before this teacher could do justice either to herself or the school. Still she labored hard, and at length succeeded in bringing the scholars into a desirable state of discipline. At the examinations many of the classes did well, and by their promptness and thorough understanding of the various branches, evinced a degree of improvement satisfactory to the district and to the committee.

DISTRICT No. 2.—SUMMER TERM. Teacher, Miss Irene S. Wood, of West Bridgewater. The school this term was in charge of a teacher who had previously taught in this district. Remembering her former success, we considered the agent fortunate in securing her services. But in the result we were disappointed. The teacher labored with earnestness and assiduity; but her efforts by many were not appreciated, and she soon lost to a considerble degree the control of her school. Many of the scholars left before the close of the term, so that at the examination not *one half* of the original number were present. To this non-attendance of scholars, more than any other one thing, must we attribute the unprofitableness of the latter half of the term. There was too much noise and irregularity to admit of much profitable study, and, consequently, the improvement generally was small. Yet the more advanced pupils that were present at the close of the school, evinced a degree of improvement creditable alike to their teacher and to themselves.

WINTER TERM. Teacher, Mr. S. M. Brown of Stoughton. The excellent reputation which this teacher had already established in neighboring towns, was an ample guaranty that this school was in safe hands when committed to his care and instruction. By his experience as a teacher, he was able to guide and govern the school in an admirable manner.

The order was good; the drill in different studies thorough; and the appearance of the school highly creditable. The chief, if not the only drawback to the complete success of this teacher, is the lack of that sympathetic nature which readily wins the affection of his pupils and firmly retains their interest in their school duties.

At the closing examination nearly one half of the scholars at first belonging to the school were absent; some being sick, others having left because they "didn't like the teacher;" not one of the absentees having, to our knowledge, given a more definite reason. Parents before allowing their children to leave school near the close of a term, would do well to consider the ultimate results of such a course. By such a course you are so governing your children that in a few years *they* will govern *you*.

DISTRICT No. 5.—SUMMER TERM. Teacher, Miss Eliza D. Kingman, of North Bridgewater.

For the third term this school has been under the care of the same teacher. This, in itself, is a high commendation, and we can but confirm the estimate thus shown, by attesting to the wisdom of the course pursued. The same general excellence that has characterised her heretofore, marked her career this term also. There is a quiet determination and gentle energy about her, that enabled her to secure good order without much visible effort. The scholars, also, exhibited a studious application which was productive of good improvement.

WINTER TERM. Teacher, Miss E. F. Clark, of Easton. This teacher is a native of the town, and having previously taught in our schools, we anticipated a good and profitable school. She evidently took great pains to interest and instruct her pupils, and succeeded in a very good measure in so doing. Some of the larger scholars seemed disposed to make the teacher's labors difficult, so that, at times, the order was not what we should have been glad to have seen. At the examination the school appeared well.

DISTRICT No. 8.—SUMMER TERM. Teacher, Miss Adaline Harris, of North Bridgewater. The examination of this school showed that the teacher had been faithful and very successful in the discharge of her duties. Good order universally prevailed, and there was a promptness in all the exercises, seldom seen. The quietness and good behavior of the scholars were very marked; while their proficiency in the branches taught showed that unwearied efforts had been put forth by all. It might justly be called *a good school.*

WINTER TERM. Teacher, Mr. Henry A. Dickerman of Stoughton. The school appeared well and did well, and the teacher deserves praise for his energy and devotion to its interests. The attendance was good, though somewhat interrupted by sickness.

DANIEL H. PRATT, Sub-Committee.

SECOND DIVISION.

DISTRICT No. 6. The small number of scholars in this District renders it quite difficult to create a very lively interest in the school. The Summer term was taught by Miss Harriet N. Goodwin. She was pains-taking and faithful, and met with good success.

The Winter term was taught by Mr. Henry Manley. He was energetic and persevering. Most of the classes in school, especially those in the mathematics, made good progress. On the whole, we think his services have been profitable to the district.

DISTRICT No. 7. The people of this district have shown a degree of zeal and interest in the school worthy of the highest praise. By their generous aid, the school has been continued sixteen weeks in addition to the term required by law. The improvement made in the school house and the large number of pupils, enabled the committee to adopt the system of gradation to some considerable extent, forming Grammar, Intermediate and Primary Departments.

The Primary Department is taught by Miss H. A. Cushing. Miss Cushing is an old teacher here, and the district have shown a wise discretion in retaining her services so long. Her rare aptness in opening up the highways of knowledge to the little ones under her charge, and her exquisite skill in discipline, are too well known to need comment.

Miss N. J. Ford is teacher in the Intermediate Department. She has labored earnestly and faithfully for the welfare of her pupils. The fruits of her toil are plainly seen, in the deportment of the school; in the accuracy and readiness of the scholars in the elements of arithmetic and geography; and, we desire to note especially, in the excellent style of reading. Her practice of drilling the school in general exercises, is also commendable.

The Grammar school is under the charge of Mr. O. B. Stone. Mr. Stone has not mistaken his calling. He possesses all the qualities of a good instructor; and the district are fortunate in securing his valuable services. He understands that the object of education is not to crowd the pupil's mind with the largest possible number of facts, but rather to fix and establish therein those elementary *principles* which are the foundation of all knowledge and wisdom. Perhaps the best interests of the school require a little more rigor in the matter of discipline.

Mr. Stone was assisted during the first two terms by Miss Sarah R. Buck. Miss Buck was devoted to her work; but this was her first attempt, and her position was somewhat embarrasing. We presume, that, under more favorable circumstances, she will meet with good success.

We earnestly hope, that the parents of the district will be encouraged by the large measure of success which has attended the experiment, to continue the system so happily inaugurated. Sacrifice, if need be, your pleasures, yea, even your comfort, to the highest welfare of your children.

DISTRICT No. 10. Both terms of this school were taught by Miss Lizzie M. Packard. She labored faithfully and diligently, and the Summer term was an entire success. A kindly sympa-

thy prevailed between teacher and scholars, and the progress made in the various branches of study in the schools, was quite satisfactory. But of the following term, we cannot speak quite so favorably. The interest and good feeling of the previous term were not sustained. No doubt this is to be set down, in a good degree to the want of punctual and daily attendance on the part of the pupils; and perhaps further, to the cause, mentioned in another part of your committees' report.

H. J. FULLER, Sub-Committee.

THIRD DIVISION.

DISTRICT No. 3.—SUMMER TERM. Teacher, Miss L. O. Field of Norton. Miss Field was eminently successful in her second connection with this school. We have little to add to the report of last year; the same pleasant understanding existed between teacher and pupils—the same apparent ambition on both sides to deserve approbation. The room was tastefully decorated for the closing visitation, with union wreaths and mottoes.

WINTER TERM. Teacher. Mr. Galen E. Pratt, of North Bridgewater. Under the management of this teacher, nothing occurred to disturb the usual tranquility of the school. The scholars in this district may be justly commended for their quiet and orderly demeanor, both within and without the school room.

DISTRICT No. 4.—SUMMER TERM. Miss Eliza M. Bassett, of Winslow, Maine. The appearance of this school was uniformly good, when visited by the committee. If we were to notice any failure it would be of energy and promptness in voice and manner; a fault which often causes a false impression of the scholar's ability. So far, we desire physical as well as intellectual culture. The very full attendance of parents and friends at the examination, suggested an idea of inadequate accommodations, which the district may well consider. "A word to the wise," &c.

WINTER TERM. Teacher, Mr. Henry A. Dean, of Foxborough. This was Mr. Dean's novitiate in teaching, and we are happy to predict for him, marked success should he continue in the vocation. Certain minor faults of a beginner, will correct themselves, such as a degree of stiffness in deportment, calculated to check familiarity and confidence on the part of the children, and too much attention to verbal committal in the preparation of lessons; but the general method of instruction and discipline was highly gratifying to the committee, and benficial to the school.

DISTRICT No. 9.—SUMMER TERM. Teacher, Miss Ann M. Randall, of Easton.

We are glad to report a good average attendance, and a good degree of order and proficiency in this school. The remarks on the summer school of district No. 4, touching a want of energy, are applicable here. A better acquaintance with the progress of their children, on the part of parents—more frequent visits to the school room, would be productive of interest and zeal.

WINTER TERM. Teacher, Mr. Leonard Selee, of Easton. Mr. Selee's reputation as a teacher is already established, in this town and elsewhere. Faithful and devoted to the interests of his charge and amply qualified as an instructor, the school was in the main orderly and progressive.

While bearing witness to the kindness and patience of the teacher, and highly appreciating his abilities and fidelity, we could have desired a larger faculty for winning the affections of the younger children; so difficult of attainment, yet so necessary to highest success in their instruction. It is to be regretted that a few of the older pupils were less attentive to their studies and less disposed to aid and sustain their teacher in his efforts, than the good reputation of the school gave reason to expect from them. The admission of scholars from other districts was no advantage, and the committee would express their disapproval of the practice.

DISTRICT No. 11.—SUMMER TERM. Teacher, Miss F. J. Randall, of Easton. Under the administration of this experienced and faithful teacher, whose name has had frequent mention in

previous reports of this and other towns, this school, as might be expected, presented at all times a satisfactory appearance. The multitude of scholars precluded that individual attention on the part of the instructress, possible in a smaller school, and necessitated the committal of some classes to the care of older pupils; a course generally to be deprecated. We attributed in part, to this course, a seeming want of cordiality and sympathy between teacher and taught.

WINTER TERM. Teacher, Mr. Daniel H. Pratt, of Easton. This name, so long and so well known among our teachers, is of itself, a sufficient guaranty of the excellence of the school. The fact that the district employed Mr. Pratt a second time declares appreciation and satisfaction on the part of those specially interested. We would, however, speak of the very large average attendance; the good order, remarkable considering the number and varieties of age, brought together; and the interest displayed by parents in the welfare of the school. The brief time allotted to the final examination, demanded the omission of many recitations and a cursory hearing of others, but enough was seen and heard to prove that thoroughness and habits of independent thought were aimed at the communication of knowledge. To this school belongs the credit of the largest number of scholars *constant* in attendance and punctuality.

GEO. G. WITHINGTON, Sub-Committee.

FELLOW CITIZENS:—

At the close of the year your committee would express their gratification in the present condition of the schools; feeling, nevertheless, that they are far from perfection, and trusting that they whom you may appoint to their superintendence will receive your continued confidence and co-operation in every effort to advance their influence and efficiency. Especially we trust that the importance of educating the young will be considered in your appropriation of money to this purpose. At a time of financial depression, calling for economy in expenditures, let the feeling prevail that you cannot *afford* to neglect the instruction of your children; that any sacrifice for this end will be amply repaid in future years. By the liberality of the inhabitants of the seventh district, the term of school required by law is there extended to forty weeks, an example which might well be followed by other districts, and by the whole town. The investment would yield large returns. The loss under the present limitation is not simply of half the time, but vastly greater from the habits of idleness and disorder contracted during the long vacations, and the necessity of generally employing different teachers for each new term.

The system of gradation adopted in the North Easton schools has been productive of the happiest results. It still remains to provide suitable accommodations for one of the lower departments, both of which are inconveniently cramped by the temporary partitions of the lower room. The large number of scholars in district number 11, and their disparity of ages, render the establishment of a Primary Department a matter worthy of consideration. The schools in the sixth and tenth districts suffer from the disadvantage of *few* scholars, in regard to which we cannot refrain from remarking that a union of these districts, with a school house somewhere in the vicinity of Britton's corner, would be a step of economy and profit. The pressing need of new buildings in both districts gives occasion for a discussion of the subject suggested. The same need of better school accommodations exists also in two and four.

We wish to call attention to the parents' duty of encouraging and requiring regularity and punctuality of attendance on the part of their children—referring to the report of last year for statistics on the sbject. Also, to the importance of a uniformity of text books used by scholars in the same schools; and the prevalent error of advancing too rapidly from book to book—attempting to enter upon higher branches of study before the elementary principles are fully mastered. Another error is that of sending children too young to the confinement of the school room, whether with the mistaken idea that it is well for them, or merely as a place of safe-keeping. Whatever the motive, it is a course injurious to the child and detrimental to the school. The legal age of five years is quite as early as advantages of instruction can be profitably enjoyed, or the discipline safely borne. Pity is awakened for the ignorance or selfishness of the parent as well as for the sufferings of the victim, at sight of infants of three or four years, perched on high, hard benches and compelled to stillness so foreign to their natural habits. Often an invincible distaste for study is acquired before they are able to estimate its privilege—school is regarded as a place of imprisonment.

A word in regard to the employment of teachers. Many to whom this duty is committed, consider it well performed if they procure an *experienced* instructor. We are aware of the value of experience in the work of instruction; but *valuable* experience must be paid for, and at low rates of compensation, a small school may be better served by an individual of promising abilities, who makes a first attempt at teaching, than by one of inferior qualifications after long practice. Such are the *experienced* teachers who can be obtained at cheap rates.

Permit here, a respectful suggestion touching the question involved in the legislative "act to abolish the school district system," passed April 6th, 1859, and the subsequent act requiring a triennial action upon that measure, by the towns of the Commonwealth, This is not the place to discuss the benefits resulting from its adoption, but we would recommend each voter to carefully consider the subject before a decision is required of him

in a year from this time, putting aside all prejudices of opinion and custom.

While the attendance in some of our schools during the past year has been interrupted by the prevalence of epidemic diseases, we have cause for devout gratitude that so few have been removed from *their* discipline to the higher discipline of eternity. In conclusion, the committee would commend to the teaching and guidance of that Divine Providence, who watches over all, those who, in the coming year, shall have charge of the mental and moral welfare of the advancing generation of this community. However imperfectly their own responsibilities have been fulfilled they are conscious of right motives and earnest endeavors,

GEO. G. WITHINGTON, for the Committee.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR 1861-2.

GEORGE G. WITHINGTON, *Chairman & Sec'y.*
DANIEL H. PRATT,
HENRY J. FULLER.

NAMES OF SCHOLARS NEITHER ABSENT NOR TARDY.

District No. 1.

SUMMER.

Harriet Hayward,
Jane A. Hayward,
Luthera Mitchell.

WINTER.

Cora M. Frost,
Jane A. Hayward,
Mary Hurst,
Caroline E. Newcomb,
Cornelia A. Perry,
Clarence Perry,
Herbert B. Dean,
Albert Lothrop,
Frederic Randall,
Mitchell L. Randall,
Merton Ripley.

District No. 2.

SUMMER.

Katie Brett,
Lucy Mansfield,
Elvira Southworth,
Abby A. Howard,
Lizzie Reed,
Charles Lum,
Channing Dunbar,
Frank Howard,

WINTER.

Katie Brett,
Maria Howard,
Lizzie Reed,
Sarah Ames,
Lucy Curtis,
Sarah Clapp,
Roger Howard,
Thomas Flaherty.

District No. 3.

SUMMER.

Melissa V. Bolton,
Nancy Howard,
Bell Pratt,
Ella F. Heath,
Emma J. Delano,
Mira W. Dean,
Charles T. Wade,
Abbott S. Bolton,
Charles F. Howard,

WINTER.

Ella F. Heath,
Norman L. Dunbar,
Elisha F. White,
Abbott S. Bolton,

District No. 4.

SUMMER.

Harriet E. Williams,
Susan B. Williams,
Clifton Williams,

WINTER.

Geo. E. Williams,
Ellis H. Williams,
Clifton Williams,
Edgar L. Williams,
Granville Williams,
Sumner D. Keith,
Fred G. Wheaton,
Susan M. Peckham,
Joanna W. Keith,
Hannah Williams,
Hattie E. Williams,
Ellen Williams.

District No. 5.

SUMMER.

Mary E. Drake,
Ellen E. Goward,
Addie M. Curtis,
Nelle A. Rollins,
Emma R. Crapo,
Laura L. Crapo,
Geo. B. Crapo,
James Nelson,

Geo. J. Rollins,
Charles W. Evans.

WINTER.

Ellen E. Goward,
Addie M. Curtis,
Hattie E. Keith,
Nellie A. Rollins,
Emma R. Crapo,
Laura L. Crapo,
Geo. B. Crapo,
James Nelson,
Thomas Nelson,
Geo. J. Rollins,

District No. 6.

SUMMER.

Phebe J. Britton,
Emma M. Buck,

WINTER.

Frank F. Britton,
Wilson D. Britton,
Mercy A. Williams,

District No. 7.

SUMMER.

Ettie F. Sampson,
Augusta Sampson,
Addie Holmes,
Caroline Packard,
Lizzie A. Randall,
Lucy Randall,
Lettie Lincoln,
Martha A. Day,
Henrietta M. Day,
Edith Russell,
Sarah H. Tribon,
Jane F. Warren,
Anna McArdle,
Anna Cloanan,
Addie F. Ripley,
Mary McGinty,
Alice G. Humphrey,
Ida L. Phillips,
Katie M. Riordon,
Lucy H. French,
Edith Williams,
Mary E. O'Handlon,
Luthera E. Pratt,
Clifford A. Pratt,
Frank Pratt,
Charles L. Littlefield,
Maurice Hayes,
James Peck,
James McGliney,
Joseph O'Handlon,
James O'Hearn,
Willie Middleton,
Dennis Connell,
James H. Leighton,
George Andrews.

WINTER.

Caroline Packard,
Augusta Sampson,
Sophia Sampson,
Vesta Sampson,
Lettie Lincoln,
Martha A. Day,
Edith Russell,
Mary Randall,
Sarah Barrows,
Deborah Peck,
Louisa Thayer,
Luthera Pratt,
Emily Gallagher,
Augustus Osgood,
Anson Day,
Alice Humphrey,
Addie Ripley,
Annie E. Staples,
Mary E. Conlin,
Wm. McDonald,
Henry Hooper,
Frank Peck,
James O'Hearn,
Ada Randall,

District No. 8.

SUMMER.

Lavinia A. Buck,
Mary E. Marshall,
Emily J. Marshall,

Elsie H. King,
Eliza A. Bird,
Ella O. Tinkham,
Marion E. Fitton,
Sarah L. Dickerman,
Leonora N. Dickerman,
J. Channing Dickerman,
S. N. Whiting,
Herbert C. Marshall,
James H. Tinkham,
Webster C. Fitton,
Charles H. Monk,
Charles B. Wade.

WINTER.

Elsie H. King,
Eliza A. Bird,
Josephine H. Marshall,
Leonora Dickerman,
Sarah L. Dickerman,
Marion E. Fitton,
Emerson Bird,
Wm. E. Bird,
Webster C. Fitton,
Charles B. Wade,
Edgar G. Marshall,
George H. Carr.

District No. 9.

SUMMER.

Lydia M. Phillips,
Emily A. Austin,
Mary W. Clapp,
Martha E. White,
George W. Reed,
Henry L. Packard,

WINTER.

Sarah E. Howard,
Martha A. White,
Mary E. Buckley,
Almah Dickerman,
Ella A. Dickerman,
E. A. M. Burbank,
Josephine C. Keith,
Henry L. Packard,
George A. Packard,
Freddie S. Packard,
Daniel Buckley,
Dean F. Ramsdell,
Peleg O. Leonard,
George W. Reed,
Frank Drake,
Henry Keith,
Newell W. Howard,
Albert H. Dailey,
Charles T. Dailey,
Martin L. Phillips,
George G. White,
Wm. H. Lothrop,
Wm. H. French,

District No. 10.

SUMMER.

Deroice Smith,
George N. Lincoln,

WINTER.

Eglantine A. Smith,
Eldora F. Smith,
Emmaletta Smith.
Lizzie Keith.

District No. 11.

SUMMER.

Hattie W. Davidson,
Lizzie W. Davidson,
Mary Welsh,
Mary Gorman,
Mary J. Matthews,
Manetta A. Cobbett,
Emma K. Cobbett,
Margaret Desmond,
Elmira D. Britton,
Josephine Goward,
Edward P. Drake,
Fred D. King,
Frank E. King,
Charles F. Belcher,
Clarence J. Hayward,
Granville J. Hayward,
John Welsh,

WINTER.

Geo. F. King,

Fred. D. King,
Frank E. King,
John Matthews,
James McKeon,
John Needham,
James Needham,
Nathaniel L. Newcomb,
John Welsh,
Walter Welsh.
William T. Belcher,
Lizzie H. Allen,
Emma D. Britton,
Minnie C. Belcher,
Wealthy Bonney,
Marietta A. Cobbett,
Emma K. Cobbett,
Lizzie W. Davidson,
Hattie W. Davidson,
Julia W. Davidson,
Helen E. Davidson,
Margaret Desmond,
Mary Gorman,
Amelia C. Hayward,
Sarah L. King,
Mary J. Mathews,
Mary McKeon,
Abby E. Manahan,
Mary A. Needham,
Selina Wells,
Louisa F. Williams,
Eugene C. Belcher,
Charles F. Belcher,
Frank Britton,
Edward P. Drake,
Charles C. Hayward,
Granville A. Hayward,
Clarence A. Hayward,
Lafayette M Hill.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

DISTRICTS.	Children between 5 and 15 years.	Length of school in weeks.	Whole number of scholars.	Scholars over 15 years of age.	Scholars under 5 years of age.	Average attendance.	Teachers wages per month.	Amount received by teachers	Cost of each scholar per week
No. 1—Summer,	60	14	55	5	4	42	$22	$77	.10
Winter,		10	52	6	0	43	33	82.50	.15,9
No. 2—Summer,	46	12	49	10	1	39	20	60	.10,2
Winter,		12	49	17	0	39.5	45	135	.23
No. 3—Summer,	26	12	28	3	0	23	19	57	.17
Winter,		12	34	16	0	30.7	33	99	.24,2
No. 4—Summer,	32	12	31	2	0	26	20	60	.16,1
Winter,		12	31	5	0	27.7	35	105	.28,2
No. 5—Summer,	28	12	32	1	1	30	22	66	.17,2
Winter,		12	34	2	1	29.5	26	78	.19,1
No. 6—Summer,	17	12	18	4	0	15	18	54	.25
Winter,		12	23	9	0	18.2	32	96	.34,8
No. 7—Summer,	243	12	246	13	7	205	120	360	.12,2
Winter,		12	251	12	2	200	120	360	.11,9
No. 8—Summer,	39	12	39	0	0	37	26	78	.16,6
Winter,		12	47	3	0	41.6	45	135	.23,9
No. 9—Summer,	33	12	32	0	2	28.4	20	60	.15,6
Winter,		12	46	9	0	41	40	120	.21,7
No. 10—Summer,	42	12	42	0	2	35	20	60	.11,9
Winter,		12	40	1	0	35	22	66	.13,7
No. 11—Summer,	57	12	70	5	5	57.1	35	75	.08,9
Winter.		12	76	20	2	68	50	150	.16,4
Total,	623							$2433\frac{1}{2}$	.16,9*

* Average.

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Betsey A. White, Oliver Howard

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For the year ch 1, 1863.

TAUNTON:
C. A. HACK, BOOK AND JOB PRINTER, 7 UNION BLOCK.
1863.

REPORT,

OF THE

SELECTMEN AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The following report of the financial condition of the town, March 1st, 1863, is respectfully submitted.

ALMSHOUSE ESTABLISHMENT.

ACCOUNT OF STOCK AT ALMSHOUSE, MARCH 1, 1863.

12 tons English hay,	216.00	
2 " meadow hay,	16.00	
1 horse,	100.00	
2 oxen,	130.00	
8 cows,	256.00	
5 swine,	60.00	
20 fowls,	10.00	
800 lbs. fine feed,	12.80	
8 1-2 bushels rye,	9.52	
30 " corn,	31.50	
16 " oats,	11.20	
7 " beans,	21.00	
2 " meal,	2.00	
17 barrels cider,	34 00	
5 " vinegar,	17.50	
4 " apples,	6.00	
1 " soap,	4.00	
550 lbs. pork,	55.00	
600 " beef,	42.00	
249 " bacon,	24.90	
		1,059.42

Amount brought forward,	1,059.42	
40 lbs. sausages,	4.00	
192 " dried apples,	15.36	
92 " candles,	13.80	
115 " lard,	16.10	
91 " butter,	25.48	
32 3-4 lbs. braiding straw,	3.28	
86 bushels potatoes,	51.60	
12 " French turnips,	3.60	
Groceries,	17.10	
		$1,209.74

EXPENDITURES OF ALMSHOUSE.

Paid for groceries,	94.38	
" grain,	191.13	
" flour,	100.60	
" salt,	7.65	
" meat and fish,	25.38	
" soap,	10.40	
" clothing and bedding,	93.92	
" furniture,	18.62	
" labor on farm	84.89	
" farming tools,	39.82	
" repairs on buildings,	10.51	
" grass and garden seeds,	5.38	
" blacksmithing,	11.90	
" medicines and medical aid,	6.83	
" making cider,	18.74	
" wood and coal,	4.50	
" stock,	169.40	
" fencing,	2.00	
" burials,	6.37	
" school books,	3.27	
" miscellaneous,	2.76	
Due Francis Dunbar, April 1st, 1863,	250.00	
" Hannah Willis, " " "	25.00	
Hay, stock, &c. on hand, March 1st, 1862,	1,295.96	
		$2,479.41

RECEIPTS OF ALMSHOUSE.

By 1,008 lbs. butter,	229.38	
" milk,	7.76	
" calves,	36.04	
" hides,	11.18	
		284.36

Amount brought forward,	284.36	
By soap grease,	3.72	
" swine,	5.50	
" vinegar and cider,	92.34	
" fowls and eggs,	51.66	
" potatoes and turnips,	55.65	
" work done for individuals,	26.49	
" straw,	1.40	
" grain,	38.89	
" apples,	16.33	
" keeping travelers,	1.00	
" straw braid,	26.07	
" meat,	7.02	
" lard,	24.99	
" peas and beans,	4.50	
" cranberries,	1.00	
" hay,	22.92	
" stock,	148.66	
" timber,	14.40	
" cash left by Mrs. Cordner, deceased,	5.90	
" going with hearse to thirty-five funerals in town,	35.00	
" " " three funerals out of town,	5.00	
" hay, stock, &c. on hand, March 1st, 1863,	1,209.74	
		$2,082.54

Expenditures of Almshouse,	2,479.41	
Receipts "	2,082.54	
Balance against Almshouse,	$396.87	

INMATES OF ALMSHOUSE.

	Age.	No. weeks.		Age.	No. weeks.
Hannah Willis,	58	52	Hannah Niles,	84	52
Asa Drake,	48	52	Triphena Cordner,		
George Wade,	23	52	died,	76	½
Patty Randall,	86	52	Noah White,	56	19
Almah Dickerman,	16	52	Melinda White,	45	19
Ella A. Dickerman,	11	52	Adelaide White,	12	19
Otis French,	66	52	Henry White,	9	19
Daniel Howard,	68	52	Noah White, Jr.	7	19
Anna Hayden,	91	52	Nancy M White,	5	19
Eunice Packard,	72	52	Mary A. White,	3	19
Judson Gilbert,	81	52	Louisa White,	15	11
Betsey Phillips,	79	52	Rebecca Allen,	60	1
Wm. H. French,	15	52	Transient paupers,		6

Admitted the past year,	1	Now in the Almshouse,	14
Discharged,	9	Males,	6
Died,	1	Females,	8

Average number for the year, 17

Cost of each pauper per week, over the income of the farm, 43 cents.

EXPENSES OF POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Paid	N. Bridgewater,	aid to	Ellen Randall,	5.00
"	Stoughton,	"	William Whitton,	11.25
"	Abington,	"	John M'Mackins,	20.00
"	"	"	Amos Wade,	2.00
"	Canton,	"	Emily Carrol,	3.75
"	Boston,	"	Rebecca Allen,	49.50
"	Malden,	"	" "	18.60
"	Bridgewater,	"	David White,	2.00
"	Plymouth,	"	Isaac Dickerman,	14.00
"	"	"	Mrs. Daniel Williams,	6.50
"	State L. Hospital,	"	John W. Marshall,	169.81
"	Mrs. D. French,	"	Sidney French,	39.00
"	Samuel Jones,	"	Zachary Drake,	7.50
"	Horace D. Howard,	"	Almira Drew,	5.25
"	" "	"	Nancy Wade,	5.25
"	Joseph Barrows,	"	Henry W. Peck,	7.00
"	" "	"	Mary Roberts,	4.00
"	" "	"	Duane Baker,	46.07
"	Abijah Tisdale,	"	Mary Roberts,	3.50
"	" "	"	Eliza Galloway,	3.50
"	Albert W. Phillips,	"	" "	3.50
"	" "	"	Mary Roberts,	4.50
"	Mrs. John Smith,	"	Chloe Willis,	26.00
"	George Copeland,	"	Polly Batchelder,	10.50
"	" "	"	Almira Drew,	26.00
"	" "	"	Nancy Wade,	26.00
"	" "	"	Mrs. Tyler F. Clapp,	4.00
"	" "	"	Mrs. Joseph Legrow,	5.00
"	" "	"	Amos Wade,	1.00
"	Joel S. Drake,	"	Mary Hersey,	28.46
"	" "	"	Daniel Hersey,	23.11
"	" "	"	Mrs. Stedman Alden,	19.84
"	" "	"	Noah White,	2.47
				603.86

	Amount brought forward,			603.86
Paid	Joel S. Drake,	aid to	Silas Shaw,	4.00
"	" "	"	Harriet White,	5.48
"	" "	"	Duane Baker,	4.03
"	O. Ames & Sons,	"	" "	13.00
"	" "	"	Eliza Galloway,	29.00
"	" "	"	Mira Sears,	3.00
"	" "	"	Mary Holmes,	30.50
"	" "	"	H. W. Peck,	3.24
"	Lyman Phillips,	"	Duane Baker,	10.70
"	Francis Dunbar,	"	" "	2.57
"	Amasa Phillips,	"	" "	2.50
"	Mrs. Rice,	"	" "	4.71
"	Henry Phillips,	"	" "	.75
"	Funeral Expenses of	"	" child,	3.75
"	" "	"	Polly Batchelder,	10.50
"	" "	"	Noah White,	10 00
"	Dr. Caleb Swan,		medical aid,	40.00
				$781.59
Amount due and paid by other towns,				136.82
				644.77

TOWN APPROPRIATIONS, 1862.

Public schools,	2,500.00	
Highways and bridges,	2,000.00	
Incidental expenses,	3,000.00	
State Tax,	2,556.00	
County Tax,	1,362.58	
Overlayings,	323.80	
		11,742.38

Valuation of town,	$1,151,081
Number of polls,	835
Tax on property,	71 cents on 100.00
Poll Tax,	$1.88

APPROPRIATIONS FOR SCHOOLS.

District No.	Cost of summer school.	Cost of winter school.	Total.
No. 1,	84.00	86.92	170.92
2,	60.00	140.00	200.00
3,	57.25	110.00	167.25
4,	58.34	128.00	186.34
5,	66.00	107.00	173.00
6,	56.75	99.53	156.28
7,	416.00	411.50	827.50
8,	56.00	118.62	174.62
9,	54.83	127.62	182.45
10,	60.00	104.00	164.00
11,	82.37	147.00	229.37
Total amount expended the past year,			$2,631.73

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid John Kimball, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor,	66.63	
Do. do. for use of horse and carriage,	14.75	
Paid Horace D. Howard, Selectman, &c.	54.25	
Do. for use of horse and carriage,	4.75	
Paid Joseph Barrows, Selectman, &c.	55.25	
Do. for use of horse and carriage,	2.85	
Paid John Kimball, Clerk, collecting, recording and returning 107 births, 62 deaths, 25 marriages, and 94 dog licenses,	41.60	
Paid John Kimball, Treasurer, for services in borrowing money, and paying the same to soldiers and their families,	50.00	
Paid Joseph Barrows, expense of filling town's military quota,	103.86	
Paid Henry J. Fuller, School Committee,	48.00	
" Geo. G. Withington, "	37.50	
" Daniel H. Pratt, "	33.00	
" George Brett, Constable,	19.50	
		$531.94

RECAPITULATION.

Paid for support of poor out of Almshouse,	644.77
" " " in Almshouse,	396.87
Paid for public schools,	2,631.73
Paid for town officers,	531.94
Appropriations for roads and bridges,	2,000.00
	$6,205.31

We recommend that the town raise for expenses the current year the sum of three thousand dollars ($3,000) in addition to what is raised for schools, roads and bridges.

JOHN KIMBALL,
HORACE D. HOWARD,
JOSEPH BARROWS,
} *Selectmen of Easton.*

Easton, March 1st, 1863.

LIQUOR AGENT.

DR. FRANCIS DUNBAR, Agent,

Stock and cash on hand at last report,	152.67	
Cash received for liquor to March 1st, 1863,	634.26	
		$786.93
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Cash paid for liquor to March 1st, 1863,	461.60	
" " liquor license,	20.00	
" in town treasury,	100.00	
Salary of agent,	50.00	
Stock on hand,	102.72	
Cash in agent's hands,	52.61	
		$786.93
Cash and stock belonging to the town, in the agent's hands, March 1st, 1863,		155.33

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Town of Easton in account with JOHN KIMBALL, Treasurer,

DR. To paid,		
Sundry town orders,	1,929.70	
State Tax,	2,556.00	
County "	1,362.58	
Note at Suffolk Bank,	1,000,00	
Parish for use of Town Hall,	60.00	
6 per cent on all taxes,	584.54	
C. A. Hack, for printing,	29.00	
Cost setting off George Keith's right,	21.07	
Note and interest, C. A. Clarke,	106.93	
P. T. Washburn, for hearse,	109.00	
		7,758.82

Amount brought forward	7,758.82	
Note to Taunton Bank,	1,000.00	
Bounty voted by town to 33 three years vol.,	5,775.00	
Dr. Hubbard's bill for exempts,	115.00	
Bounty voted by town to 24 nine months vol.,	3,600.00	
Stoughton for 17 volunteers.	2,975.00	
J. Kimball, collector. remittances.	127.22	
O. Ames & Sons, for rent of Armory,	60.00	
O. Ames Jr. and Wm. S. Andrews, do.	29.17	
Co. B. 4th Reg. for military services,	172.50	
School orders,	2,631.73	
Dr. C. Swan, for medical aid to paupers,	40.00	
Town farm tax,	29.30	
Aid to soldier's families.	6,040.65	
Cash and uncollected bills in hands of Treasurer,	1,155.08	
		$31,509.47

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By balance in the treasury, March 1st, 1862,	809.65	
Received of		
Beverly, for aid to Mrs Batchelder,	30.50	
State, for Armory rent,	50.00	
" paupers,	10.00	
" school fund,	126.47	
Taunton Bank on loan,	1,000.00	
J. Kimball, "	250.00	
A. B. Howard, "	1,100.00	
Elijah Howard, "	500.00	
Lakeville, for aid to Dean Ramsdell,	3.00	
Canton, for aid to Peter Nelson,	121.00	
Carver, for aid to Mira Sears,	3.00	
Newton, " Daniel M. Hersey,	23.11	
" " Mary Hersey,	19.06	
Rufus Willis, on loan,	325.00	
Austin Packard, on loan,	300.00	
Taunton Bank, "	4,000.00	
Mary E. Dean, "	100.00	
O. Ames & Sons, "	600.00	
Catherine L. Leach, "	500.00	
T. G. Marshall,	15.00	
Henry M. Gill,	200.00	
Loring R. Brackett,	200.00	
Franklin M. Godfrey,	200.00	
George Williams,	1,000.00	
Elizabeth Dunbar,	150.00	
Charlotte A. Clarke,	175.00	
		$11,810.79

Amount brought forward,	$11,810.79	
Harriet S. Packard, on loan,	3,300.00	
Seth Ramsdell,	200.00	
Sarah C. Howard,	100.00	
Henry Daily, rent of Hayden house,	14.00	
Eliza J. Packard,	150.00	
George E. Packard,	100.00	
Plymouth for aid to J. Bates and A. Drew,	126.50	
State Treasurer, for aid to families of volunteers,	2,052.53	
Assessors' returns of taxes, 1862.	9,742.38	
Cornelius Sigler, on loan,	425.00	
Mary Fitzpatrick, "	550.00	
Marcus Packard, "	100.00	
Seth Littlefield, "	400.00	
H. D. Howard, "	300.00	
Charles D. Williams,	200.00	
F. Josephine Randall,	200.00	
A. A. Rotch, for dog fine,	10.00	
Catherine Gorman,	100.00	
Charles Hayward,	200.00	
Thomas Williams,	110.00	
Rachel R. Randall,	100.00	
Ward L. Foster,	400.00	
Nancy Williams,	500.00	
John M. Atwood,	100.00	
For dog licenses,	102.00	
For aid overpaid,	16.27	
Of liquor agent,	100.00	
		$31,509.47

JOHN KIMBALL, *Treasurer.*

CONDITION OF TREASURY, MARCH 1st, 1863.

DEBTS DUE.

Unpaid notes, previous to March 1st, 1862,	5,347.00	
Francis Dunbar, April 1st,	250.00	
Hannah Willis, "	25.00	
Quincy, for Mary Packard,	26.00	
Parish, for rent of Town Hall,	60.00	
John, Kimball, note,	250.00	
B. A. Howard, "	1,100.00	
Elijah Howard, "	500.00	
Rufus Willis, "	325.00	
Austin Packard, "	300.00	
		8,183.00

Amount brought forward,		8,183.00	
Taunton Bank,	note	4,000.00	
Mary E. Dean,	"	80.00	
O. Ames & Sons,	"	600.00	
Catherine L. Leach,	"	500.00	
Henry M. Gill,	"	200.00	
Loring R. Brackett,	"	200.00	
Franklin M. Godfrey,	"	200.00	
George Williams,	"	1,000.00	
Elizabeth Dunbar,	"	150 00	
Charlotte A. Clarke,	"	175.00	
Harriet S. Packard,	"	3,300.00	
Seth Ramsdell,	"	200.00	
Sarah C. Howard,	"	100.00	
Eliza J. Packard,	"	150.00	
George E. Packard,	"	100.00	
Cornelius Sigler,	"	425.00	
Mary Fitzpatrick,	"	550.00	
Marcus Packard,	"	100.00	
Seth Littlefield,	"	400.00	
Horace D. Howard,	"	300.00	
Charles D. Williams,	"	200.00	
F. Josephine Randall,	"	200.00	
Catherine Gorman,	"	100.00	
Charles Hayward,	"	200.00	
Thomas Williams,	"	110.00	
Rachel R. Randall,	"	100.00	
Ward L Foster,	"	400.00	
Nancy Williams,	"	500.00	
John M. Atwood,	"	100.00	
Interest on above notes,		800.00	
			$23,623.00

ASSETS.

Cash and uncollected taxes in hands of Treas.,	1,155.08	
Due from State, for aid to soldier's families,	6,900.39	
" " " paupers,	12.00	
" " for Armory,	50.00	
" " military services,	172 50	
" Newton,	9.40	
" Plymouth,	31.25	
" Beverly,	31.44	
		8,362.06
Balance against the town,		$15,260.94

REPORT,

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

GENTLEMEN:—Agreeably to the statutes of the commonwealth, your committee respectfully submit the following report of the condition of the public schools in town for the school year 1862–3.

Aside from district No. 8, which has been under the direction of the Stoughton school committee, twelve public schools have been kept in ten school districts, in which have been employed 23 teachers—9 males and 14 females.

In the said ten districts, on the first day of May 1862, there were 606 scholars, as defined by law; of these, 550, or 90.7 per cent., attended the schools during the summer terms, and 526, or 86.6 per cent. in the winter terms.

Whole number of children attending the schools during the summer was 587, at an average cost of 14.7 cents per week; and whole number in the winter was 596, at an average cost of 24.5 cents per week.

The cost of maintaining the schools, under the present system, for the required term of six months, is quite a heavy tax; yet it is believed they have been conducted with as much prudence and economy, as sound wisdom would dictate. We recommend that a no less sum be appropriated than during the previous year.

At a meeting of the committee, holden April 22d, it was voted, "That each member of the committee be a sub-committee with charge of the districts assigned him, subject to the control of the full board."

Your committee have adopted this plan, believing it to be equally or more efficient, while it is considerably less expensive.

In pursuance of said vote, districts No. 1, 3, 5 and 9 were assigned to Mr. Pratt; districts No. 2, 4, 10 and 11 to Mr. Withington, and districts No. 6 and 7 to Mr. Fuller.

The following "detailed reports" are offered by the respective sub-committees.

FIRST DIVISION.

District No. 3. Summer term—teacher, Miss Betsey A. White. Miss White labored with fidelity and success for the improvement of the pupils committed to her care. She exhibited, so far as your committee were able to discern, in their visits, a happy and kind disposition in her intercourse with her pupils, which was productive of order without much apparent effort, The recitations at the examination were prompt and correct, affording unmistakable evidence that the pupils had been diligent in their studies, and that great pains had been taken by the teacher. Thoroughness and order, evidently was the motto of the teacher.

Winter term—teacher, Mr. Oliver Howard, of Easton. Mr. Howard having obtained the requisite attainments, in one of our State Normal Schools, took charge of this school fully prepared for his duties. This is his first school, yet he conducts it in a manner gratifying to the committee, and profitable to the scholars. The school has not yet closed, but when last visited by the committee, appeared in a prosperous condition, notwithstanding a vacation of four weeks near the middle of the term, occasioned by the sickness of the teacher,

District No. 5. Summer term—teacher, Miss Eliza D. Kingman, of North Bridgewater. This school had previously enjoyed the very acceptable instructions of this teacher, and was favored

in again securing her services. Her reputation in the district was well established, and much was naturally expected from her. This anticipation was fully realized. The same gentle and genial spirit, the same active and amiable manner, the same efficient and excellent method, which have characterized her as a teacher heretofore, were still manifested, so that she conducted the school through the term with her accustomed ability and success.

Winter term—teacher, Mr. Elijah Allen, of Mansfield. This school prospered under the care of its teacher, making a good degree of progress during the term. The teacher not having had much experience, failed to make the examination as spirited and showy as is sometimes done; still your committee believe that as much permanent advancement was made in the branches pursued, as has been made at any previous term.

The scholars were more irregular in attendance than the scholars of this school usually have been.

District No. 9. Summer term—teacher, Miss Olive J. Reed. This school appeared well, and there was a marked improvement towards the close of the term in the point of order. Your committee believe that the teacher labored faithfully to instruct those under her care, and that the school will compare favorably with the other schools in town. A greater degree of regularity in attendance would add to the usefulness of this, as well as many other schools in town.

Winter term—teacher, Mr. Leonard Selee, of Easton. Mr. Selee had charge of this school the previous winter, and was acquainted with the character and requirements of the school. At the last visit of the committee, this school presented a studious and quiet appearance, always desirable, but seldom found in our common schools. We should do injustice to our own feelings did we not express the opinion that the school is in a more prosperous condition than during his previous term.

D. H. PRATT, Sub-committee.

SECOND DIVISION.

District No. 1. Summer and winter—Miss Sophia E. Pratt, of Easton. This young teacher had charge of the school during both summer and winter terms, we are glad to say with credit to herself and profit to the school. The attendance of pupils was very good, though somewhat interrupted by sickness; the record of punctuality remarkably fair, only one name, during the winter, being registered for tardiness. Order seemed to be well preserved, considering the proportion of quite young children attending. The recitations as a whole, showed interest and perseverence, both in imparting and receiving knowledge. The noticeable defects were such as must exist in a mixed or ungraded school. We heartily commend the efforts of the teacher and the general docility of her charge.

District No. 2. Summer—teacher, Miss Catherine E. Johnson, of Newtonville. The appearance of this school could not but afford the highest gratification to the parents of the district, as it did to the committee. The inexperience of the teacher, in connection with the former reputation of the school, gave rise to some fears for her success, which, happily proved without foundation. By mildness and firmness of government, and faithfulness in instruction, Miss Johnson fairly won the respect and affection of her pupils, and secured their co-operation in her labors for their good.

Winter—teacher, Mr. S. M. Brown, of Stoughton. Mr. Brown fully sustained his previous reputation as an instructor, and left, as he came, with the esteem and confidence of those he served. The favorable report of the summer was confirmed, and we are happy to add our testimony to the satisfactory discipline and progress of the school.

District No. 4. Summer—teacher, Miss E. W. Deanes, of Easton. The high estimation in which Miss Deanes has long been held as a teacher in this vicinity, renders needless prolonged remarks upon the state of the school. Our assurance is not

required that no portion of the time spent in the school room was suffered to be wasted, and that whatever was learned was learned thoroughly.

Winter—teacher, Mr. Henry A. Dean, of Foxborough. This school was again committed to the care of its teacher of the previous winter, and we might reasonably expect greater proficiency than if it had been placed in the hands of a stranger. The visiting committee have noticed in his administration, no cause for complaint, and believe that it has given general satisfaction.

District No. 10. Summer—teacher, Miss Mary L. Billings, of Sharon. Miss Billings came to us with good recommendations, and in this, her first school, labored well and faithfully, with an earnest desire to succeed. Owing to the illness of the member of the committee whose duty it was to visit the school, we cannot speak so fully as we could desire of its deportment and progress.

Winter—teacher, Mr. Henry L. Reed, of Easton. The prudential committee opened the school early in September, with the same teacher as during the summer, in defiance of the wishes of a considerable part of its patrons; it being commonly understood in the district that a male teacher should be employed at the usual time. An appeal being made to the town's committee, they visited the school, and finding but a minority of the scholars in attendance, stated the case to Miss Billings, who, with their concurrence, immediately resigned her position.

The prudential committee then utterly neglecting and refusing to do his duty, the member of the town's committee, having charge in the district, employed Mr. Reed to keep the school for the remaining term of ten weeks, which he did in a satisfactory manner, notwithstanding the efforts of certain evil disposed persons to cause interruption and disturbance by removing window sashes from the school house, and other unlawful acts. Mr. Reed gives high promise of usefulness in this vocation. The committee are forced to protest against the disgraceful conduct, on the part of inhabitants of the district, which has long interfered with an enjoyment of the intended benefits of a public school. Unless

this ceases, it seems inexpedient for the town to appropriate money thus to be wasted by a divided district.

District No. 11. Summer—teacher, Miss M. K. Alden, of Mansfield. This teacher, brought reputation, experience and energy to her work, and performed it to the apparent satisfaction of the district. The order of the school was very good : the attendance likewise. Much attention seemed to be given to preparing for exhibition at the close.

Winter—teacher, Mr. Daniel H. Pratt, of Easton. We have nothing to add to or subtract from the report of the previous year. The same order, proficiency and thoroughness, characterised every department. During the unavoidable absence of the teacher toward the close of the term, his place was well filled by Miss E. W. Deanes. The school maintained its high rank in the matter of attendance.

GEO. G. WITHINGTON, Sub-committee.

THIRD DIVISION.

District No. 6. Summer term—teacher, Miss Harriet L. Goodwin, of Mansfield. Miss Goodwin succeeded well in this district the previous summer. We expected a good school this term and were not disappointed. Her heart was in the work, and her interest in the duties of the school room.

Winter term—teacher, Mr. William M. Howland. This was the best term of the school we have ever visited. Mr. Howland devoted himself to the welfare of his pupils, and labored with care and fidelity. All the classes made excellent progress. The accuracy and readiness in recitations of geography, and mathematics, on examination day, indicated a thorough study and drill, and we heard some very excellent reading. A very commendable degree of discipline prevailed in the school.

District No. 7. The inhabitants of this district have again generously contributed to the support of the school, and continued it four months beyond the required term. It gives us pleasure to record anew its enviable progress and prosperity. The system now pursued and the labors of a faithful corps of teachers, have wrought an entire revolution in the scholarship and deportment of the pupils. The healthful and genial influence of the school upon the children, plainly appears, whether we meet them in the school room, on the public highway or elsewere. And it can only be a source of gratification to us all, that the investment has proved so profitable,—how profitable all-trying time will determine. Let us continue patiently in well-doing.

The primary department continued under the charge of Miss H. A. Cushing, till the fall term, with the same most excellent success, which has uniformly attended her labors in the district. Miss Emily A. Dickerman, taught the school during the fall term. She came to us well recommended, and worked in the school patiently and industriously. But she needed energy, and tact in discipline; not so much progress was made, and we missed the good order of previous terms. The winter term finds the old teacher back to her post; and Mrs. Lake is still *Miss Cushing* in the school room. *Tantum sufficit.*

Miss N. J. Ford still has charge of the intermediate department. Her labors from term to term have been eminently successful. We observe no less of interest or energy; and the reputation acquired in points indicated in the previous report, has been fully sustained. Mr. O. B. Stone has continued teacher in the grammar school, assisted by Mrs. Stone and Miss Eliza D. Kingman. It is rare good fortune that has given us the valuable services of Mr. Stone so long. Our limits will not allow us to set down all the good traits of a superior teacher, which he possesses. His admirable system of discipline has brought the order of the school to a high degree of perfection. Accuracy and thoroughness characterise all his teaching. An entire devotion to the duties of his avocation, a very felicitous mode of imparting instruction, and careful drill on elementary principles, have wrought a most worthy state of scholarship in the school. Pupils

are studious; and not satisfied with learning merely, but zealous to comprehend. Mr Stone has been ably seconded, in his efforts, by his assistants. Mrs Stone showed unusual fitness for her position. Some of her classes, especially one in mental arthmetic, were the best of any we have ever seen. Miss Kingman is an old teacher in town. We expected good results from her labor, and have not been disappointed. Her reputation previously earned, has been well maintained. The progress made in all the brances taught in the school, is very satisfactory.

FELLOW CITIZENS:—Our schools present many pleasing features to which we are glad to refer. The gradual improvement in attendance—the large and growing list of names, which we annually publish,—the higher tone of disciple,—more thoroughness in the mode of study,—the more getlemanly and ladylike deportment among the pupils,—greater interest among parents and the inhabitants of the town, in the welfare of the schools; an interest which we hope to see increase from term to term, giving encouragement alike to teacher and scholars; all these matters afford fruitful themes for reflection. It would give us great pleasure, and it might not be without profit, to discuss them at length. Yet we believe there is still room for improvement; and it may be best, in the short space we have, to refer more minutely to some of the adverse circumstances under which our schools labor. And we trust we shall offend no one, if we give free expression to our honest convictions. "Look into thy heart and write," said Sir Philip Sidney. Your committee have taken no little pains to have a uniform set of text books used in all the schools. These, as now authorized and directed to be used, are as follows, viz.—Scriptures; Hillard's series of Readers; Town's Speller and definer; Tower's Elements of Grammar, Common School Grammar and Grammar of Composition; Greenleaf's New Primary, Common School, and Nathional Arithmetics; Warren Colburn's Mental Arithmetic; Greenleaf's Algebra; Cornell's series of Geographies, viz. First Steps, Primary, Intermediate, Grammar School,

and (by special permission,) High School; Quackenbos' History of the United States; Cutter's Physiology, and Payson, Dunton and Scribner's Penmanship.

Each of these series is graduated, rising from the simplest elements to their more complex and intricate combinations. Far too frequently, when visiting the schools, we are pained at seeing scholars struggling laboriously with an advanced text book, who are not masters even of the first elements of the science. And permit us to caution you not to be anxious for the rapid advance of your children from a text book of a lower to one of a higher grade. Let each book be thoroughly learned, before passing to another; not simply committed but understood, assimilated and part of the pupil's mind; as Bacon has it, chewed, swallowed and digested.

Complaints are often made—thoughtlessly we believe—whenever a change is made in our text books. Doubtless, changes are not always for the best. Yet changes are necessary, if we would keep pace with the march of human events. Take, for instance, the science of Geography; observe how the ancient boundaries of the nations of the old world have been swept away; how nations figuring conspicuously on a map made twenty five years ago, have now no distinct existence, while other peoples have built up for themselves a new nationality. Observe, too, how old despotic systems of government, and old forms of industrial life, have given place to new and higher modes of polity and labor. And the science itself is hardly able to keep even handed with the rapid growth and expansion of the nations of the new world. The progress of science is constantly revealing many things before occult; constantly showing much of our knowledge to have been in part or wholly erroneous, and resting upon a sandy foundation. And often a writer, with more logic, method and deeper insight, gives us a vastly better book than any of his predecessors.

Your committee are satisfied that the district system, and the unfavorable manner in which the town is districted, are the most

sinuous obstacle to the progress and highest welfare of our schools.

Under the most favorable auspices, a long catalogue of evils attend the system. It has been unanimously condemned by the Secretaries of the Board of Education. Secretary Boutwell in his last annual report, page 113, pointedly remarks; "I agree with Mr. Mann, when he says: 'I consider the law of 1789, the germ of which may be found in the Province Law of 8 George I., chap. 1, (Anc. ch. p. 666.) authorizing towns to divide themselves into districts, the most unfortunate law, on the subject of common schools, ever enacted in the State.' It should ever be remembered, however, that the act of 1789 was innocent in language and in intention of the evils that have sprung from subsequent legislation upon the subject. I trust the day will again and speedily be seen when every town will, in its municipal capacity, manage its schools and equalize the expense of education."

In his twenty third annual report, page 75, he says: "I entered upon the duties of the office I now hold with some faith in the district system; my observation and experience have destroyed that faith entirely. It is a system admirably calculated to secure poor schools, incompetent teachers, consequent waste of public money, and yet neither committees nor districts, nor towns be responsible therefor. It is unquestionably true that the best schools are found where the system does not exist; whenever a town has established the municipal system, and adhered to it for two years, there has never within my knowledge, been a serious effort in favor of the restoration of the district system. These facts are so encouraging and so conclusive that they ought, without argument, to convince the most skeptical." The system is also elaborately discussed in the sixteenth annual report by Rev. Dr. Sears, and its evils and error exposed with unanswerable logic.

The system often imposes the burden of maintaining the schools very unequally and unjustly upon the different districts in a town. It not unfrequently happens—and this is peculiarly the case

in our town—that the greater part of the wealth and population of the town are congregated in two or three districts, while the others are sparsely inhabited, possessing a comparatively small amount of ratable property, so that the maintenance of suitable accommodations for the schools, becomes a heavy tax upon the property holden therein. Moreover the system is an iron obstacle in the way of grading the schools; an advantage, which, we trust, is too apparent to need illustration. We know too well, how often the innocent children suffer from the petty strife and feuds constantly arising in a district. One of our own districts, during the past winter, furnishes a lamentable example.

But it is urged that the abolition of the district system will endanger our liberties. Certainly the least encroachment upon our liberties should be guarded against with watchful care. But the argument is wholly specious. It is only a question of economy and expediency. As in our national polity the lowest organizations known are the States, so are the towns the least in the commonwealth; and a political organization below these, is a non-entity. That the mode of taking care of the roads and poor of the town, are questions affecting our liberty, is supremely ludicrous; and equally so is this argument for the perpetuating the district system. The preamble of the aforementioned statute, and the course of subsequent legislation upon the subject, abundantly shew, that it has always been regarded solely as a question of expediency.

If we urge this subject earnestly upon your consideration, it is because we believe that *now* is the golden moment for the town to act in this matter. In five or six of the districts, the school houses are not such as the age demands, and greatly inferior to like buildings in the towns about us. At best, it cannot be long, before new buildings must be erected; and unless a change is made soon, the system may become fastened upon us irrevocably. While in district No. 7, two hundred and sixty three scholars enjoy the privilege of a first class annual school at a *per capita* cost of about 12 cents a week, it is necessary, in other dis-

tricts, under the present system and division of the districts, to maintain five schools in order to furnish such instruction as the law requires to one hundred and thirty seven scholars. This, of course, can only be done at great expense, reaching in one case, as high as thirty six and a half cents. Is this profitable? Is it sound economy?

Five or six good school houses, judiciously located in various parts of the town, and a small additional appropriation, would furnish good graded schools for all the children in town during nine or ten months a year. This change could not be brought about at once; very likely it would require a period of ten or fifteen years, or even a longer time. Nevertheless the first step is to give up the district system, the stumbling block in the way of all improvement.

Parents, consider this matter candidly and without prejudice; add such reasons as your own better judgment will suggest, bearing in mind withal, that the future position in life of your children, their happiness and welfare, depend mainly upon their school days, and determine well and wisely.

H. J. FULLER, for the committee.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR 1862-63.

H. J. FULLER, *Chairman and Sec'y.*
DANIEL H. PRATT,
GEORGE G. WITHINGTON.

NAMES OF SCHOLARS NEITHER ABSENT NOR TARDY.

District No. 1.

SUMMER.

Luthera H. Mitchell,
Cornelia A. Perry,
Lizzie A. Howard,
Caroline Newcomb,
Flora Willis,
Jennie Hayward,
Clara Jones,
Ella F. Drake,
Katie M. Mullins,
H. Leslie Willis,
Herbert B. Dean,
Adna Mitchell,
Edgar Willis,
Freddie A. Howard,
Herbert L. Mitchell,
Harland L. Stone,
George H. Stone,
Clarence B. Perry,
Albert S. B. Lothrop,
William H. Lothrop,
Walter Hill,
Stephen S. Hill,

WINTER.

Lucia E. Lothrop,
Carrie E. Newcomb,
Cora M. Frost,
Ella Jones,
Lottie E. Hurst,
Henry C. Macomber,
Adna Mitchell,
George H. Stone,
Charles A. Howard,
Augustus T. Macomber,
Herbert L. Mitchell,
Edgar S. Willis,
Hosea Wade,
Horace T. Mitchell,
Mitchell L. Randall,
J. Freddie Randall,
H. Leslie Willis,
Clarence B. Perry,
Harland L. Stone,
Willie Lothrop.

District No. 2.

SUMMER.

Lucy Mansfield,
Maria Howard.
Lucy E. Curtis,
Lizzie L. Reed.

WINTER.

Flora R. Burt,
Helen L. Clapp,
Maria Howard,
Lucy Mansfield,
Lizzie L. Reed,
Mary E. Thayer,
Herbert M. Burt,
Frank S. Howard,
Warren Mansfield.

District No. 3.

SUMMER.

Nancy Howard,
Ella C. Pool,
Lizzie S. Heath,
Arabella G. Heath,
Eveline A. Drake,
Ella G. Howard,
Ada L. Swift,
Josephine S. Bellows,
Emma J. Randall,
Charles J. Wade,
John T. Wade,
Charles F. Howard.

WINTER.

Ella F. Heath,
S. Lizzie Heath,
Belle G. Heath,

REPORTS

OF

SELECTMEN, TREASURER,

ASSESSORS,

AND

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE

TOWN OF EASTON,

For the year ending March 1, 1864.

TAUNTON:

C. A. HACK, BOOK AND JOB PRINTER, 7 UNION BLOCK.

1864.

Charlotte M. Heath,
Evelyn A. Drake,
Almira E. Dean,
M. Ella Pratt,
Charles J. Wade.

District No. 4.

SUMMER.

Susan B. Williams,
Ellen M. Williams,
Ellis H. Williams,
Clifton Williams.

WINTER.

Hattie E. Williams,
Ellen M. Williams,
J. Thomas Kimball,
George E. Williams,
Fred. G. Wheaton,
Ellis H. Williams,
George L. Kimball,
Clifton Williams,
Granville Williams.

District No. 5.

SUMMER.

Mary E. Drake,
Ellen E. Goward,
Hattie E. Keith,
Mary E. Morse,
Emma R. Crape,
Nellie A. Rollins,
Mary E. Linehan.
Alice J. Linehan,
John Linehan,
Cornelius Linehan,
Joseph Linehan.

WINTER.

Nellie A. Rollins,
Mary E. Drake,
Ellen E. Goward,
Georgiana Williams,

District No. 6.

SUMMER.

Elma W. Buck,
Charles L. Wilson,

WINTER.

Frank T. Britton.

District No. 7.

SUMMER.

Helen Carr,
Edith Williams,
Addie C. Waite,
Anna McArdle,
Mary E. Conlin,
Lucy H. French,
Mary McGinty,
Abbie L. Humphrey,
Laura J. Ladd,
Rosilla Ladd,
Arvilla Ladd,
Anna B. Littlefield.
Julia Ann Mains,
Mary E. Mains,
Catherine Mulligan,
Mary Mulligan,
Ida L. Phillips,
Abbie J. Phillips,
Addie F. Ripley,
Inez M. Reed,
Jane Roberts,
Ida M. Randall,
Annie E. Staples,
Henrietta M. Day,
Lizzie A. Randall,
Anna Mitchell,
Lettie L. Lincoln,
Victorine A Foster,
Carrie T. Packard,
Martha A. Day,
Mary A. S. Randall,
Laura E. White,
F. Luella Willis,
Emily F. Gallaghar,
Sarah J. Middleton,

Caroline Roberts,
Lizzie Collins,
Millie Conlin,
Millie Lincoln,
Peter McGlincey,
Frank C. Pratt,
Charles Phillips,
Willard H. White,
Thomas F. Canlay,
James McDonald.
William McDonald,
Robert Fisher,
George McFarland,
James McFarland,
Edwin Gilmore,
Thomas Hefferman,
James A. Hearn,
Willie Middleton,
Frank Peck,
Frank Phillips,
Charles Quinn,
John J. Reed,
John Wells,
Warren White,
Henry C. Williams,
H. Augustus Osgood,
Charles L. Littlefield,
Dennis W. O'Connell,
Edward M'Grath,

WINTER.

Mary A. Aherean,
Mary E. Hundlon,
Mary E. Murphy,
Helen Carr,
Mary E. Conlin,
Margaret Conlin,
Mary E. Fagan,
Mary McGinty,
Sarah McGinty,
Mary A. Higginbottom,
Margaret Healey,
Anna B. Littlefield,
Mary Mulligan,
Edith Williams,
Henrietta M. Day,
Victorine A. Foster,
Carrie T. Packard,
Mary A. S. Randall,
Martha A. Day,
Emily F. Gallagher,
Wealthie A. Hathaway,
Sarah W. Barrows,
Jennie F. Warren,
E. Jeanette Russell,
Luthera E. Pratt,
Peter McGlincy,
James McDonald,
Everett Foster,
George McFarland,
James McFarland,
Robert Fisher,
Edwin Gilmore,
George Hooper,
James A. Hearn,
John Johnson,
George Laighton,
Frank Pratt,
Frank Peck,
Frank Phillips,
Ellis Randall,
John J. Reed,
Howard Standish,
John Wells,
George Mills,
John J. Donovan,
Joseph O. Hanlon,
Herbert Wells.

District No. 9.

SUMMER.

Lydia M. Phillips,
Sarah A. Phillips,
Mary W. Clapp,
George W Reed,
Charles F. Dailey.

WINTER.

Liddia Phillips,
Lizzie A. M. Burbank,
Josephine C. Keith,
Charles F. Dailey,

Albert H. Dailey,
George W. Reed,

District No. 10.

SUMMER.

Mary E. Bean,
Lizzie Keith,
Emma Randall,
Eldora Smith,
Emmaletta Smith,
Horace M. Allen,
Charles Crockett,
Alfonso F. Gooch,
George N. Lincoln,
Everett Randall,
John M. Randall,
Oscar B. Randall,
Deroice Smith,
James B. Smith,

WINTER.

Amelia A. Keith,
Orville R. Randall,
Orvis L. Randall,

District No. II.

SUMMER.

Charles F. Belcher,
Edgar F. Belcher,
Francis L. Britton,
Lewis F. Cobbett,
Edward P. Drake,
Frederic D. King,
Frank O. King,
Nathaniel L. Newcomb,
John Needham,
James Needham,
Jerome B. Pratt,
Charles H. Taylor,
John Welsh,
Walter Welsh
Lizzie H. Allen,
Almira D. Britton,
Wealthy Bonney
Marietta A. Cobbett,
Kattie W. Davidson,
Lizzie W. Davidson,
Julia W. Davidson,
Josephine A. Goward,
Sarah E. Hayward,
Mary J. Mathews,
Jane R. Newcomb,
Sarah B. Pratt,
Lizzie M. Pratt,
Louise F. Williams,

WINTER.

William T. Belcher,
Charles F. Belcher,
L. Frank Britton,
Lewis F. Cobbett,
Edward P. Drake,
Clarence A. Hayward,
Lafayette M. Hill,
Fred. D. King,
Frank E. King,
James McKeon,
James E. Mathews
Thomas H. Mathews,
James Needham,
John Nash,
Minnie C. Belcher,
Elmira D. Britton,
Marietta A. Cobbett,
Emma K. Cobbett,
Hattie W. Davidson,
Lizzie W. Davidson,
Julia W. Davidson,
A. Frances Manahan.
Mary J. Mathews,
Mary McKeon,
Jane K. Newcomb,
Louise F.Williams,
Carrie E. Williams,
Selina Wells,

STATISTICAL TABLE.

DISTRICTS.	Children between 5 and 15 years.	Length of school in weeks.	Whole number of scholars.	Scholars over 15 years of age.	Scholars under 5 years of age.	Average attendance.	Teachers wages per month.	Amount received by teachers.	Cost of each scholar per week
No. 1—Summer,	66	14	65	3	0	58.3	$24	$84	.09,2
Winter,		10	60	6	0	50.6	28	70	.11,6
No. 2—Summer,	47	12	40	3	0	35.3	20	60	.12,5
Winter,		12	45	8	0	38	45	135	.25
No. 3—Summer,	28	12	32	4	0	27.6	19	57	.13,2
Winter,		12	34	8	0	28	33	99	.24,2
No. 4—Summer,	29	12	25	1	0	22.8	18	54	.18
Winter,		12	33	7	0	30.5	40	120	.30,3
No. 5—Summer,	31	12	33	3	0	30.7	22	66	.16,6
Winter,		12	27	3	0	22.4	35	105	.32,3
No. 6—Summer,	18	12	20	1	1	16.3	18	54	.27,5
Winter,		12	21	6	0	16.5	30.80	92.40	.36,6
No. 7—Summer,	263	12	241	1	0	209.9	123	369	.12,7
Winter,		12	244	12	0	206.7	119	357	.12,2
No. 8*—Summer,	40								
Winter,									
No. 9—Summer,	31	12	37	2	0	29	18	54	.12,1
Winter,		12	37	5	0	32	38	114	.25,6
No. 10—Summer,	42	12	34	1	1	28.1	20	60	.14,7
Winter,		10	31	7	0	23.3	35	87.50	.28,2
No. 11—Summer,	51	12	60	0	2	57.6	26	78	.10,8
Winter,		12	64	8	0	56.2	50	146	.19,2
Total,	646							$2261 7/8	.19,6†

* Under charge of Stoughton school committe.
† Average.

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REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN,

ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The following report of the financial condition of the town, March 1st, 1864, is respectfully submitted.

ALMSHOUSE ESTABLISHMENT.

ACCOUNT OF STOCK AT ALMSHOUSE, MARCH 1, 1864.

11 tons English Hay,	$220.00	
2 1-2 " Meadow "	22.00	
1-2 ton Straw,	6.00	
1 horse,	90.00	
2 oxen,	150.00	
8 cows,	272.00	
4 swine,	40.00	
21 fowls,	11.00	
6 bushels rye.	8.40	
8 " oats,	7.00	
4 3-4 " beans,	14.00	
28 corn,	39.20	
1 bushel meal,	1.40	
8 1-2 barrels cider	21.25	
11 " vinegar,	38.50	
1 bushel apples,	1.00	
1 barrel soap,	4.00	
467 lbs. pork,	56.04	
533 " beef,	42.64	
348 " bacon,	48.72	
108 bushels potatoes,	70.20	
6 " French turnips,	3.00	
Pickles,	1.00	
Amount,		$1,167.35

Amount brought forward,	$1,167.35	
25 lbs. sausages,	3.50	
74 " candles,	10.36	
90 " butter,	32.40	
116 " lard,	16.24	
180 " dried apples,	19.80	
1 peck cranberries,	.75	
30 lbs. braiding straw,	2.40	
Groceries,	6.00	
		$1,258.80

EXPENDITURES OF ALMSHOUSE.

Paid for groceries,	$123.02	
" grain,	141.47	
" flour,	107,00	
" salt,	7,25	
" meat and fish,	38.73	
" soap,	8.42	
" clothing and bedding.	124.02	
" furniture,	12.48	
" labor on farm,	111.57	
" farming tools,	23.88	
" repairs on buildings,	12.84	
" grass and garden seeds,	12.50	
" blacksmithing,	18,80	
" medicines,	5.35	
" making cider.	5,37	
" wood,	6.50	
" stock,	45.00	
" burials,	29.12	
" school books,	2.35	
" standing grass,	5.50	
" smoking bacon,	4.40	
" miscellaneous,	.85	
Due Charles Howard, April 1st, 1864,	200.00	
" Hannah Willis,	25.00	
Hay, stock, &c. on hand, March 1st, 1863,	1,209.74	
		$2,281.16

RECEIPTS OF ALMSHOUSE.

By 795 lbs. butter,	$177.59	
" milk,	8.35	
" calves,	51.68	
" hides,	14.45	
Amount,		$252.07

Amount brought forward,	$252.07	
By soap grease,	1.60	
" swine,	8.00	
" vinegar and cider,	42.47	
" fowls and eggs,	33.52	
" potatoes and turnips,	5.82	
" work done for individuals,	120.32	
" straw and straw braid,	14.87	
" grain,	8.12	
" apples,	10.93	
" meat,	23.95	
" lard,	11.07	
" beans,	10.64	
" cranberries,	1.00	
" timber,	1.00	
" cash left by Mrs. Hayden deceased,	2.00	
" " " Miss Patty Randall,	.76	
" old iron,	1.08	
" pasturing cow,	7.00	
" candles,	1.29	
" supporting paupers belonging to Boston,	72.75	
" State aid for Herbert Torrey,	38.14	
" board of individuals,	20.00	
" use of hearse for fifty funerals in town,	51.00	
" " " three " out of town,	5.50	
" hay, stock, &c. on hand, March 1st, 1864,	1,258.80	
		$2,003.70

Expenditures of Almshouse,	$2.281.16
Receipts " "	2,003.70
Balance against the almshouse,	277.46

INMATES OF ALMSHOUSE.

	Age.	No. weeks.		Age.	No. weeks.
Hannah Willis,	59	52	Hannah Niles, (di'd)	85	11
Asa Drake,	49	52	Henry White,	10	15
George Wade,	24	52	Noah White,	8	42
Patty Randall (died)	87	32	Jas. H. H. Torrey,	9	39
Almah Dickerman,	17	21	Jonathan Hayward	65	6
Ella Dickerman,	12	12	Adelaide White,	13	1
Otis French,	67	52	Alice Randall,	6	9
Daniel Howard,	68	52	Eva Randall,	7	9
Anna Hayden (died)	92	30	Fred. H. Randall,	4	3
Eunice Packard, "	73	27	Wm. H. French,	16	1
Judson Gilbert,	82	52	Mary Packard	85	45

Betsey Philips,	80	32	Sylva Batchelor,	14	2
Celia Talbot,	10	15			
Amelia Talbot,	7	15	Transient Paupers,		2
Laura Talbot,	4	15			
Admitted the past year,		13	Now in Almshouse,		10
Discharged,		13	Males,		8
Died,		4	Females,		2

Average number for the year, 13 5-13

Cost of each pauper, per week, over the income of the farm, 40 cents.

EXPENSES OF POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Paid Joel S. Drake,	aid to	Silas Shaw,	$6.00
" " "		Jonathan Hayward,	2.00
" " "		Melinda White,	4.68
" " "		Mary Hersey,	5.00
" " "		Harriet White,	117.69
" Tisdale Fuller,	"	"	20.12
" Asa Phillips,	"	"	14.98
" J. Kimball,	"	"	8.56
" S. Deans,	"	"	22.00
" Chas. T. Derry,	"	Mary Packard,	29.50
" R. & J. Swan,	"	Melinda White,	3.06
" Stoughton,	"	"	13.04
" " "		Howard Randall's child,	2.00
" Samuel Jones,	"	Zachary Drake,	15.00
" Raynham,	"	"	4.50
" " "		Amos Wade,	5.00
" " "		Howard Randall's family,	36.00
" Silas Williams,	"	"	3.00
" Charlestown,	"	"	33.00
" " "		Mrs. Ambrose Randall,	2.00
" Franklin,	"	Joseph Brittan's family,	21.25
" Medway,	"	"	4.00
" Foxboro,	"	Emily Carrol,	3.82
" Canton,	"	"	5.00
" S. L. Hospital,	"	John W. Marshall,	173.48
" Attleboro'	"	Elizabeth Vaughn,	2.00
" J. Barrows,	"	Malachy Creavy,	26.24
" Mrs. D. French,	"	Sidney French,	39.00
" J. Barrows,	"	Michael Corkin,	24.00
" " "		James Powers,	12.25
" O. Ames & Sons,	"	Eliza Galway,	36.00
" " "		Mary Holmes,	46.50
Amount,			$740.61

Amount brought forward,				740.61
P'd O. Ames & S's,	aid to	Michael Corkin,	$7.78	
" " "	"	Willard Randall,	5.50	
" Tartius Buck,	"	Mary Roberts	5.00	
" Lucius Howard,	"	"	15.66	
" J. Barrows,	"	Willard Randall,	2.00	
" Dr. Manly,	for	Medical Aid,	40.00	
" George Copeland,	aid to	Mrs. Ann Clapp,	9.00	
" " "		Almira Drew,	26.00	
" " "		Nancy Wade,	26.00	
" " "		Eveline Legrow,	24.00	
" " "		Patrick Smith,	5.00	
" " "		Galen Smith's family,	12.00	
" H. D. Howard,	"	"	5.00	
" " "		Eveline Legrow,	1.25	
" " "		Nancy Wade,	2.75	
				$927.55
Amount paid and due from other towns,				78.55
				849.00

TOWN APPROPRIATIONS, 1863.

Public Schools,	$2,500.00	
Highways and bridges,	2,000.00	
Incidental expenses,	3,000.00	
Debts,	1,500.00	
State Tax,	3,408.00	
County Tax,	1,265.25	
Overlayings,	314.23	
Amount,		$13,987.48

Valuation of Town,	$1,203,084.00
Number of polls,	760
Tax on property,	87 cents on $100.00
Poll Tax,	$2.00

APPROPRIATIONS FOR SCHOOLS.

District No.	Cost of Summer School.	Cost of Winter School.	Total.
No. 1,	$88.07	$107.87	$195.94
2,	68.25	129.00	197.25
3,	76.00	120.16	196.16
4,	74.24	115.64	189.88
5	75.25	120.00	195.25
6,	65.38	93.00	158.38
7,	400.00	456.20	856.20
8,	70.25	100.45	170.70
9,	65.82	152.99	218.81
10,	65.68	154.25	219.93
11.	96.00	143.75	239.75
Total amount expended the past year,			$2,838.25

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid John Kimball, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor,		$78.00
Do.	do. for use of horse and carriage	9.63
Do.	do. cash expences,	9.17
Paid Horace D. Howard, Selectman, &c.		59.75
Do.	do. use of horse and carriage,	8.75
Do.	do. cash expenses,	1.25
Paid Joseph Barrows, Selectman &c.		62.00
Do.	do. use of horse and carriage,	3.43
Do.	do. cash expenses,	1.01
Paid John Kimball, collecting, recording and returning 99 births, 72 deaths, 30 marriages and 87 dog licenses,		40.70
Do.	do. record of soldiers and officers, agreeable to Act of Legislature of 1863,	10.00
Paid John Kimball, Treasurer, for services, borrowing money, and paying to soldiers' families,		50.00
Paid George G. Withington, School Committee,		33.00
" Henry J. Fuller,	"	40.00
" Christopher C. Hussey,	"	18,00
Paid T. Andrews, and H. Phillips, Constables,		13.75
		$438.04

RECAPITULATION.

Paid for the support of Poor out of the Almshouse,	849.55
" " " in Almshouse,	277.46
" for Public Schools,	2,838.25
" for Town Officers,	438.04
Appropriations for roads and bridges,	2,000.00
	$6,403.30

We recommend that the town raise for expenses the current year, the sum of three thousand dollars ($3,000) in addition to what is raised for Schools, Roads and Bridges.

JOHN KIMBALL,
HORACE D. HOWARD,
JOSEPH BARROWS,
} *Selectmen of Easton.*

EASTON, March 1st, 1864.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Town of Easton, in account with JOHN KIMBALL, Treasurer,

Dr. To paid

Sundry town orders,	2,268.01	
State Tax,	3,408.00	
County Tax,	1,265.25	
Parish for use of Town Hall,	60.00	
Six per cent on all taxes,	719.24	
Printing,	41.50	
Francis Dunbar,	250.00	
Hannah Willis,	25.00	
School orders,	2,838.35	
Town Farm Tax,	35.46	
Doct. E. Manley,	40.00	
J. Kimball, Collector, remittances,	97.63	
Aid to soldier's families,	4,689.71	
Interest on town notes,	1,376.68	
Endorsed on L. A. Foster's note,	250.00	
" Mary E. Dean's note,	45.00	
" Harriet Packard's note,	300.00	
Amount,		17,709.83

Amount brought forward,	17,709.83	
John Atwood's note,	100.00	
James H. Leonard's note,	227.00	
Loring R. Bracket's note,	200.00	
Taunton Bank's note,	4,000.00	
Charles Hayward's note,	200.00	
George Wlliams' note,	1,000.00	
Austin Packard's note,	300.00	
Catherine L. Leach's note,	500.00	
Josiah D. Newcomb's note,	1,500.00	
Rufus Willis' note,	325.00	
Elizabeth Dunbar's note,	150.00	
George E. Packard's note,	100.00	
Sarah E. Howard's note,	100.00	
James Leonard's note,	300.00	
Taunton Bank, note,	1,000.00	
		$27,711.83

Cr.

By balance in the Treasury, March 1, 1863,	1,155.08	
Beverly, for aid to Mrs. Batchelder,	31.44	
Newton, for aid to Mary Hersey,	9.40	
T. G. Marshall, for aid to J. W. Marshall,	45.00	
A. A. Rotch, for dog fines,	20.00	
For 87 dog licenses,	99.00	
Of Liquor Agent,	50.00	
Assessors' returns of taxes for 1863,	11,987.48	
State reimbursement for bounties paid to volunteers,	845.53	
State reimbursement for aid to families of volunteers,	5,883.97	
State military services Co. B. 1862,	172.50	
State School fund,	132.43	
Stoughton, reimbursement for 17 volunteers,	1,700.00	
Tisdale Godfrey, on loan,	200.00	
Lewis R. Randall, "	150.00	
Thomas Williams, "	170.00	
Eunice Wilson, "	150.00	
Charles L. Britton, "	800.00	
Lydia Bracket, "	150.00	
Nancy Williams, "	200.00	
Lucy A. Foster, "	300.00	
Ruth Leonard, "	225.00	
Ann M. Randall, "	200.00	
Taunton Bank, "	1,000.00	
Amount,		25,676.83

Amount brought forward,	25,676.83	
Henry Hamilton, "	700.00	
Matthew Hamilton, "	200.00	
Rebecca Randall, "	75.00	
Almira G. Smith, "	50.00	
Annie Haney, "	160.00	
Rachael R. Randall, "	350.00	
Mary Fitzpatrick, "	350.00	
Catherine Gorman, "	100.00	
Benj. F. Macomber, "	50.00	
		$27,711.83

JOHN KIMBALL, Treasurer.

CONDITION OF TREASURY, March 1st, 1864.

Unpaid notes,	$16,545.00	
Due Charles Howard, April 1st,	200.00	
" Hannah Willis,	25.00	
" Parish, rent of Town Hall,	60.00	
		$16,830.00

ASSETS.

Cash and uncollected taxes in hands of Treasurer,	720.97	
Due from State, for aid to families of volunteers,	5,650.01	
" from State, aid to paupers,	20.00	
" from Plymouth, aid to paupers,	57.25	
" from Newton, " "	5.00	
" from Raynham, " "	12.50	
		6,465.73
		$10,364.27

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF EASTON FOR 1863-4.

CITIZENS OF EASTON :—The School Committee respectfully submit to your consideration, another annual report of the condition of the public schools, according to their judgment and belief.

They recommend that the present appropriation of money for school purposes, be not less than that of last year, and suggest, that that sum scarcely covers the cost incurred.

For a statement of the length and expense of each school, attendance, and other statistical information, you are referred to the appended Table. Any slight discrepancies which may appear there, are in consequence of different reckoning of the school month, by teachers, in filling up their registers.

Following the plan of the past two years, the detailed reports of sub-committees are now presented.

LIQUOR AGENCY.

DR. CHARLES HOWARD, AGENT, IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN OF EASTON, CR.

To Liquors on hand, March 1st, 1863,	$102.72	By amount of Liquors on hand, March 1st,	
" Liquors purchased,	572.27	1864,	115.22
" Agent' Salary,	50.00	" Casks and Measures,	10.50
" Profit,	70.91	" Amount of Liquors sold,	670.18
	$795.90		$795.90

DR. CHARLES HOWARD, LIQUOR AGENCY, CASH ACCOUNT, CR.

To cash on hand, March 1st 1863,	52.61	By cash paid for Liquors,	572.27
" Liquors sold	670.18	" " Liquor Agent,	50.00
	$722.79	" " Town Treasury,	50.00
		" " for License.	13.33
		cash on hand,	37.19
			$722.79

EASTON, March 1st, 1864.

FIRST DIVISION.

District No. 4. Summer. Teacher, Miss E. W. Deanes, of Easton. This was a prosperous term The teacher devoted herself wholly to the welfare and interest of her pupils. She labored faithfully and conscientiously. Her methods of imparting instruction were accurate and felicitous. All the classes made good progress; we especially remarked her judicious manner with the classes in reading. Good order and discipline prevailed.

Winter. Teacher, Mr. Lewis G. Lincoln, of Norton. This term was a failure. Mr. Lincoln passed a good examination, and gave promise of success; but upon trial, proved incompetent to impart instruction, and maintain the discipline of the school.

District No. 7. We are glad to record again, in behalf of this district, the same liberal bounty and prudential care, which look to after years for their full fruition. Though the times urge us to husband our resources, yet it is true economy to invest for the purpose of educating our children; and we trust that the "annual school" is now become a fixed fact.

In the Intermediate Department, Miss N. J. Ford, the former teacher, has continued her work, with great zeal and energy. She has a laudable desire to have her classes appear well, and meets with good success. If there was less anxiety to crowd her pupils prematurely into text-books specially assigned for use in the Grammar Department, it would be more satisfactory to the Committee.

The Grammar Department has again been under the charge of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Stone. It affords us great pleasure to write anew, what we said concerning both of these teachers, in last year's Report. It would probably be difficult to find teachers better qualified for their vocation, possessing, at once, the true idea of mental training, and the happy ability to carry it into a most complete and perfect practice. Good discipline is preserved; the progress made in all branches is real, substantial, and of lasting value. That they have been so long retained at their post, points out the wise policy of the district, and sufficiently indicates that the worth of their services is understood and appreciated.

District No. 10. Summer. Teacher, Miss Harriet A. Babbitt, of Easton. The people of this District are deserving of honorable mention for their efforts to secure a good school, during the past year. The old school-house has been thoroughly remodelled, and made passable and comfortable. Considerable pains were taken to secure able and accomplished instructors. The commencement of this term was necessarily delayed till late in the season. This probably occasioned some falling off in the attendance towards the close of the term. Such of the pupils as remained through the term, derived a good degree of profit from the labors of the teacher. Miss Babbitt is well qualified for the duties of the school-room, and we think with some experience, will make a very good teacher. Now, there is too great a *distance* between her and her scholars. She needs the ease, freedom and sympathy with children, necessary to secure their love and obedience.

Winter. Teacher, Mr. W. Harvey Gurney, of East Abington. Mr. Gurney may be set down as a first class instructor. He has the ring of the true metal, and is no bogus coin. He made thorough and faithful work with all his classes. There was a good average attendance. The school made good progress in all branches, especially in reading. The order and discipline of the school left nothing to be desired in that respect. We hope the services of Mr. Gurney may be secured in town again.

District No. 11. Summer. Teacher, Miss Sarah E. Torrey, of Foxboro. We have no hesitancy in assigning Miss Torrey to a high place in her calling. She is emphatically at home in the school-room. While she is well qualified for her work, she is able to impart her instruction in a happy and well appointed manner. With her teaching she mingled much judicious instruction. Good progress was made in the various branches, and the term, on the whole, was profitable. Perhaps she held the reins of discipline a little too loosely; particularly with the younger portion of the school—very likely, however, from sheer kindness of heart to the little ones.

Winter. Teacher. Mr. Henry A. Dickerman, of Stoughton. Mr. Dickerman entered upon his labors, full of enthusiasm and determination to devote himself to the interests of his school. He worked with energy and patience through the term. Much attention was paid to the subject of reading, with very good results. Classes in geography and grammar also appeared well. Some very fine compositions were read at the examination. The government of the school was well maintained. The interest of the parents in the school of this district, manifested by visiting it, and encouraging the children by their presence and approbation, is worthy of commendation,—a practice which, we hope will become more universal.

H. J. FULLER, for the committee.

SECOND DIVISION.

District No. 6. This school was under the care of Miss C. E. Brett, during the Summer, and of Miss Lucy Mansfield, for the Winter term. In both cases the school was characterized by ability and faithfulness on the part of the teachers. On the part of the pupils there was a decided respect for the order of the school, and a desire for improvement, with the exception of a few of the larger boys, in the Winter term, whose insubordination was a source of great trouble to the teacher, and of injury to the school. With this exception, the school exhibits a good relative standing in conduct, and progress in scholarship.

District No. 7. The school here continues under the care of Mrs. Lake, and maintains the reputation won for it by the devotedness and rare qualifications of its teacher. The deduction from the usefulness of this school, and the comfort of the pupils, which is the inevitable result of the crowded state of the room, is a matter of serious regret, and is the *more* apparent, because of the near approach to perfection in all *other* matters. To secure so good a beginning in all respects, as young children must, who are brought under such influences as prevail in Mrs. Lake's school, is no ordinary blessing, and must be regarded as a matter

of congratulation, not only by the friends of the pupils, but by the entire community.

District No. 8. This school has been kept by Mrs. Mary R. Packard, of North Bridgewater, during the Summer and Winter terms. The qualifications of the teacher for maintaining discipline, imparting instruction, and making the school exercises interesting, are of a superior order. This has been responded to by the pupils with a more than usual industry, and respect for the rules of the school, while an interest and co-operation on the part of the parents have also been more than usually manifest. With such a state of things, it is almost superfluous to say, that a commendable degree of general progress has been made, and that the school has taken a high rank in all respects, and may well be regarded with satisfaction by all its friends, as it has been by the committee.

District No. 9. This school was under the care of Miss Olive J. Reed, during the *Summer*, and Mr. J. Herbert Leonard, for the *Winter* term. Its usefulness in the *Summer* term was felt to be lessened by a lack of order, which the conscientious labors of the teacher did not obviate. In this respect, there has been a marked improvement, during the *Winter* term, and the school at present, shows a good degree of advancement in discipline, and scholarship, and does credit to the qualifications and faithfulness of its teacher. The exception made in the discipline of this school, for a part of the year, suggests a remark applicable to all but one district. When any marked deficiency is apparent in a school whose teacher is changed twice every year, it is difficult to decide how far it is due to *existing* or *previous* influences. And when the time of a teacher's stay is barely sufficent for him to acquaint himself with the various minds he has to deal with, his *usefulness must be greatly abridged*, nor can the amount of money expended produce its full return under a system involving such frequent interruptions—interruptions as detrimental to the interests of pupils, as they are a cause of regret to all friends of education.

C. C. HUSSEY, Sub-Committee.

THIRD DIVISION.

District No. 1. Summer term. Teacher, Miss Sophia E. Pratt, of Easton. Miss Pratt sustained her previous reputation as a diligent, faithful and skilful instructress, apt to win, and able to retain the respect and regard of her pupils. The school made fair progress, and exhibited a creditable condition of order and deportment.

Winter term. Teacher, Mr. Andrew H. Sweet, of Norton. We have little to add to the report of the Summer term. If any want appeared, it was of order and quietness. The teacher deserves credit for faithfulness, and his endeavors were crowned with a good degree of success.

District No. 2. Summer term. Teacher, Miss Catherine E. Johnson of Newton. It must be confessed that the results of this session of school were less gratifying than we had hoped, from the prestige of the previous Summer under the same teacher; not, however, in consequence of any decline of interest or energy on her part, but of petty annoyances and acts of insubordination, on the part of some scholars, encouraged where it should have been checked.

Winter term. Teacher, Mr. Elbridge G. Ames, of N. Bridgewater. This school enjoyed what it sadly needed, the services of one who showed himself, emphatically, "*Master of the situation.*" The result was very highly gratifying. The turbulence and mischief which had run riot here, met with prompt and effectual resistance; and, withal the discipline was mild, as well as firm, and the system of instruction productive of marked improvement in scholarship.

District No. 3. Summer term. Teacher, Miss Betsey A. White, of Norton. This was Miss White's second term of service in this school, and the visiting committee sees no reason to vary the favorable report of last year.

Winter term. Teacher, Mr. Henry L. Reed, of Easton. Frequent visits to the school afforded pleasing evidence of interest and faithfulness on the part of both Teacher and Scholars. The result confirmed our former good opinion of Mr. Reed's fitness for the vocation, and of his ambition to excel.

District No. 5. Summer term. Teacher, Miss Sarah W. Copeland, of Mansfield. This school is small, and labors under the consequent disadvantage of a lack of emulation, to spur the effort of scholars, and of motive, to excite the energy of the teacher. Yet the general good order and interest prevailing, deserves the commendation we are happy to bestow.

Winter term. Teacher, Mr. Elijah Allen, of Mansfield. Mr. Allen assumed this post for the second time, and the Committee would notice a decided improvement upon his previous administration, in a greater infusion of life and sprightlines into the exercises of the school-room. We should be glad to see our teachers, who have been tried and not found wanting, retained, generally, for a longer period than a single term.

GEO. G. WITHINGTON, Sub-committee.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR 1863-4.

GEO. G. WITHINGTON, *Chairman and Secretary.*
C. C. HUSSEY,
HENRY J. FULLER.

TEACHERS.

District.	Summer.	Winter.
No. 1.	Miss Sophia E. Pratt,	Mr. Andrew H. Sweet,
" 2.	" Catherine E. Johnson,	" Elbridge G. Ames.
" 3.	" Betsey A. White,	" Henry L. Reed.
" 4.	" E. W. Deans,	" Lewis G. Lincoln.
" 5.	" Sarah W. Copeland,	" Elijah Allen.
" 6.	" Catherine E. Brett,	Miss Lucy Mansfield.
" 7.	Mr. and Mrs. Owen B. Stone.	
" "	Miss Nancy J. Ford,	
" "	Mrs. Jeremy Lake.	
" 8.	Miss Mary R. Packard.	
" 9.	Miss Olive J. Reed,	Mr. J. Herbert Leonard.
" 10.	" H. A. Babbitt,	" W. Harvey Gurney.
" 11.	" Sarah E. Torrey,	" Henry A. Dickerman.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

DISTRICTS.	Children between 5 and 15 years.	Length of school in weeks.	Whole number of scholars.	Scholars over 15 years of age.	Scholars under 5 years of age.	Average attendance.	Teachers wages per month.	Amount received by teachers.	Cost of each scholar per week
1. Summer	60	15	58	2	1	49.7	$22.36	$72.67	.083
Winter		11	57	8	2	46.	34.55	95.02	.151
2. Summer	38	13	41	1	1	34.	20.00	65.00	.122
Winter		13	37	3	0	29.	43.00	129.00	.268
3. Summer	30	13	31	1	1	26.7	20.00	60.00	.149
Winter		13	36	6	1	30.	39.00	117.00	.25
4. Summer	31	13	38	2	3	31.	24.00	72.00	.155
Winter		13	36	5	0	31.	35.00	105.00	.224
5. Summer	22	12	27	3	0	22.5	24.50	73.50	.227
Winter		14	29	6	0	23.7	40.00	120.00	.344
*6. Summer	19								
Winter									
7. Summer	247	12	242	12	3	189.	133.00	399.00	.137
Winter		12†	234	13	2	199.	133.00	399.00	.142
8. Summer	50	12	50	4	0	44 7	28.00	84.00	.14
Winter		12	54	8	0	50.5	28.00	84.00	.129
9. Summer	32	13	39	1	3	30.	20.00	65.00	.128
Winter		13	39	6	0	30.7	40.00	130.00	.256
10. Summer	40	13	37	4	0	24.1	20.00	65.00	.135
Winter		13	33	6	0	26.	45.00	146.25	.341
11. Summer	54	13	58	5	0	53.	28.16	84.50	.095
Winter		13	60	12	0	56.	47.92	143.75	.184
	623								.181‡

* School in District No. 6 unfinished and returns not made.

† The remaining two weeks make part of a third term.

‡ Average.

FELLOW CITIZENS:—The object of a School Report would seem to be not only the presentation of such facts and statistics concerning the schools, as may be of interest and importance, but also to enable those having their superintendence, to lay before you the results of their observation, to point out evils needing correction, to explain and justify their action in various emergencies, and to recommend such measures and changes as may be expedient. We claim no infallibility, nor superior wisdom, save as our office affords special opportunities to become acquainted with the educational progress and wants of the community; disclaiming, therefore, any appearance of dictation, we submit a few general remarks.

Under the present legal arrangement, the expense of supporting Public Schools is necessarily heavy; and while it is willingly and cheerfully incurred, the strictest economy should be studied, consistent with their highest interest and welfare. We consider it our duty to reiterate the objections to the District System, as the most prominent cause of unnecessary outlay and waste. Without repeating the arguments broached in former reports, we urge you to give candid attention to this subject; to consult the testimony of those who have experienced the benefits of a new system; to make up your minds freely and deliberately, and then to act independently according to your conviction. There are some who are opposed to any thing in the way of change; others, who fear in this particular mattter, the relinquishment of certain rights and liberties; others, still, who feel too little interest in it, to act at all. It is to this latter class that an appeal is made, since the proposed measure, when before the Town, last year, was defeated by a small minority, through the apathy of those who neglected to vote either affirmatively or negatively. We are confident that due inquiry and reflection must convince any one of intelligence, that a municipal control of the schools is recommended on the score of economy, of an equal division of the pecuniary burden, of justice to the several schools. Without impeachment of the general fitness and integrity of those who act as prudential committees, it will be admitted that difficulties exist where the selection and examination of Teachers are by different parties. Many candidates come before us, who barely possess the requisite literary attainments, but exhibit no other of the qualifications of a good teacher; we cannot reject them, and the result is a partial or total failure to meet the expectations of the District, for which no one can be held responsible. True, the superintending Committee may at their option dismiss a teacher and close the school, but this is a power to be rarely and cautiously exercised, and frequently the necessity is not apparent till too late.

Your Committee have made, during the past year, two important changes in the text-books used. The first, adopting Sargent's Readers, Part II, in place of Hillard's; the other, Eaton's Arithmetics in place of Greenleaf's; in both cases being induced by the superiority and better adaptation to the want of our schools, of the books chosen. In one case, the exchange was made, book for book, without expense to the Town or individuals, in the other, a merely nominal sum was paid to the publishers, in addition to the partly worn books on hand. Already, the expediency of these substitutions is manifesting itself, in a more rapid advancement of scholars, and the gratification of teachers.

We are pleased to report a prosperous and encouraging condition of the schools generally in regard to attendance and deportment. There is need, however, of more active interest and co-operation on the part of parents and guardians, in and with the labors of teachers; of greater personal acquaintance with the inside of the school room. We are very doubtful of the good effect of reporting publicly the success or failure of individual schools and teachers, knowing the liability to error of judgment and comparison, with the limited opportunities for forming an opinion enjoyed by a visiting committee who performs his duty under the pressure of various avocations. And this part of his task might be avoided were there a more universal sense of responsibility, touching the matter of frequent and unannounced inspection of your children's progress. Greater faithfulness in this would encourage them, prove an exciting motive to fidelity in

the Instructor, and prevent the often erroneous impression derived from a formal exhibition.

The continued advancement of our schools toward the standard we desire, demands also of you, parents, increased vigilance in securing a constant and punctual attendance of scholars. The amount of absence and tardiness which appears on the Registers is a fruitful source of detriment. Substracting that caused by sickness, or otherwise unavoidable, there yet remains a vast aggregate which is wholly without excuse. There has been, we confess, an improvement in this regard, especially since the custom was adopted of publishing the names of those pupils who distinguish themselves by punctuality; and this improvement shows how much more may be accomplished in the same direction.

In conclusion, we bespeak a greater interest on the part of all citizens in the means provided for the education of the young,—an interest in some degree corresponding to their importance. Particularly we desire that you will not leave a knowledge of your children's intellectual and moral progress to be gathered from your Committee's Report; and deprecate the idea that they are disposed to interfere in any manner or degree with your natural rights or civil liberties. We endeavor as our ability serves to perform conscientiously our thankless duties, and claim, at least, your just and lenient consideration.

GEORGE G. WITHINGTON,

For the Committee.

NAMES OF SCHOLARS

Neither Absent nor Tardy.

District No. 1.

SUMMER.

Cornelia A. Perry,
Luthera H. Mitchell,
Carrie E. Newcome,
Lottie E. Hurst,
Lenora Lothrop,
Lizzie Creadon,
Lucia E. Lothrop,
Jennie A. Hayward,
Mary Randall,
Adna Mitchell,
A. S. R. Lothrop,
Herbert B. Dean,
Herbert M. Mitchell,
Merton Ripley,
William Randall,
Henry Hurst,
Clarence B. Perry,
William Creadon,

WINTER.

Henry C. Macomber,
Horace S. Mitchell,
Henry D. Newton,
J. F. Randall,
Edgar S. Willis,
Herbert L. Willis,
Lucia E. Lothrop,
Luthera H. Mitchell,
Lottie E. Hurst,
Cora M. Frost.

District No. 2.

SUMMER.

Flora R. Burt,
Helen L. Clapp,
Mary E. Thayer,
Mary J. Mansfield.

WINTER.

Eva Howard,
Helen Clapp.

District No. 3.

SUMMER.

Ella F. Heath,
Eveline A. Drake,
John T. Wade.

WINTER.

Ella F. Howard,
Abby L. Dean,
Chas. F. Howard.

District No. 4.

SUMMER.

Harriet E. Williams,
Clifton Williams,
George L. Kimball,

WINTER.

Ellen M. Williams,
Ellis H. Williams,
Clifton Williams.

District No. 5.

SUMMER.

Nellie A. Rollins,
Cornelius Lineham,
Joseph Lineham,

WINTER.

Ellen J. Goward,
Mary E. Drake,

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Georgiana Williams
Cornelius Lineham,
Joseph Lineham.

District No. 6.

No Returns.

District No. 7.

SUMMER.

Lizzie Randall,
Lettie Lincoln,
Sarah Barrows,
Augusta Sampson,
Martha Day,
Lucy Randall,
Lizzie Randall,
Lizzie Collins,
Maria Donovan,
Minerva Keene,
Edith Russell,
Sarah Middleton,
Vesta Sampson,
Emily Gallagher,
Luella Willis,
Mary Handlon,
Annie Murphy,
Florence Berry,
Minnie E. Wells,
Mary E. Conlin,
Margaret Conlin,
Mary A. Higginbottom,
Mary A. Hearn.
Annie B. Littlefield,
Annie E. Staples,
Augustus Osgood,
Charles Higginbottom,
Frederic Quinn,
John Cunningham,
Ernest Leighton,
Charles Phillips,
Edward E Farrell,
Orion Wells,
James Farrell,
Willie Conlin,
Fred. H. Lake,
Willie Lincoln,
Frank Phillips,
Howard Standish,
John Wells.
George Wells.

WINTER.

Sophia Sampson,
Lizzie Randall,
Lettie Lincoln,
Sarah Barrows,
Martha Day,
Lucy Randall,
Jeannette Russell,
Dora Smith,
Lizzie Collins,
Minerva Keene,
Abby Humphrey,
Mary Maynes,
Mary McGintry,
Ida Philips,
Inez Reed,
Emily Gallagher,
Lucy French,
Catherine McAvoy,
Annie Murphy,
Minnie E. Wells,
Jessie F. Russell,
Mary Conlin,
Mary F. Denin,
Helen Carrr,
Margaret Conlin,
Mary A. Hearn,
Mary A. Higginbottom,
Alice K. Humphrey,
Mary Mulligan,
Abby J. Phillips,
Bridget Slattery,
Edie Williams,
Charles Blaisdell,
Charles Littlefield,
Augustus Osgood,
Charles Higginbottom.
Ernest Leighton,
Hugh Harlow,
John Cunningham,
Willie Conlin,
James McFarland.

Fred. H. Lake,
Willie Lincoln,
Charles Phillips,
Frank Phillips,
Howard Standish,
George Wells.

District No. 8.

SUMMER.

Elsie King,
H. F. Packard,
Nora Dickerman.
Mary Dickerman,
Lizzie Dickerman,
Herbert Carr,
Charlie B. Wade,
Z. Emery Dickerman,
Arthur Holmes.

WINTER.

Ella O. Tinkham,
H. F. Packard,
Nora Dickerman,
Mary Dickerman,
Lizzie Dickerman,
L. E. Dickerman,
Channing Dickerman.
Herbert Carr,
Charles B. Wade,
Emerson Bird,
Herman Tinkham,
Marion Fitton,
Edgar Marshall,
Henry W. King,
Norman Whiting,
C. W. Fitton,
Herbert Marshall,
Frank Monk,
John Curren.

District No. 9.

SUMMER.

Laura A. Phillips,
Mary W. Clapp,
Josephine C. Keith,
Mary E. Buckley,
Angeline L. Leonard,
George W. Reed,
Charles T. Dailey,
Daniel Buckley,

WINTER.

William H. Lothrop,
Daniel Buckley,

District No. 10.

WINTER.

Luther Smith,
A. F. Gooch.

District No. 11.

SUMMER.

Jane R. Newcomb,
Josie A. Goward,
Louisa F. Williams,
Elmira D. Britton,
Minnie C. Belcher,
Lizzie W. Davidson,
Cynthia Britton,
Amelia C. Hayward,
Sarah B. Pratt,
Lizzie A. Phillips,
Mary Welsh,
Mary J. Matthews,
Charles F. Belcher,
Lewis F. Cobbett,
Edward P. Drake,
G. A. Hayward,
Lafayette M. Hill,
Frank F. Hill,
James McKeon,
John Welsh,
William Wells,

WINTER.

Lizzie H. Allen,
Elmira D. Britton,
Emma K. Cobbett,

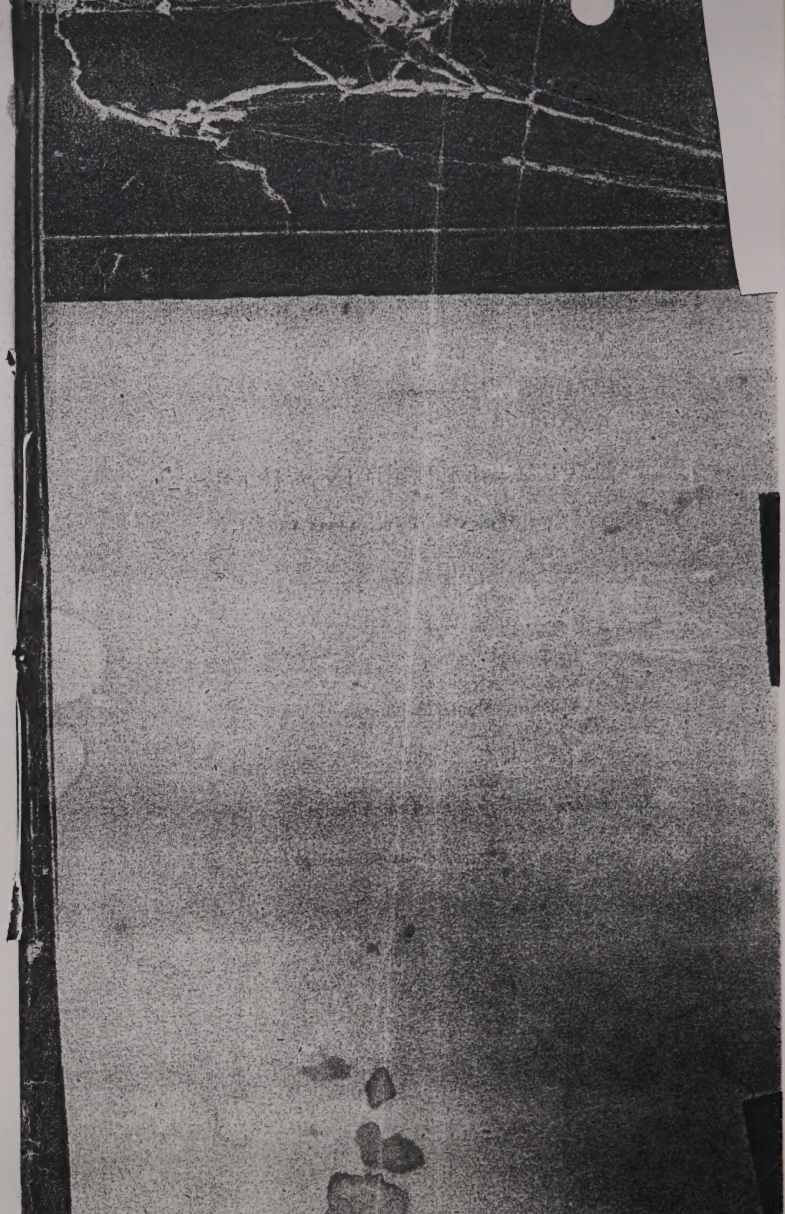
Marietta A. Cobbett,
Hattie W. Davidson,
Minnie C. Belcher,
Amelia C. Hayward,
Wealthy Bonney,
Mary J. Matthews,
Lizzie A. Phillips,
Charles F. Belcher,
Eugene C. Belcher,

Frank F. Hill.
J. F. Hayward,
William T. Belcher,
Granville C. Hayward.
Fred. D. King,
Clarence A. Hayward,
Frank E. King,
Frank L. Britton,
Lafayette M. Hill.

TEXT BOOKS USED IN SCHOOLS,

March 1st, 1864.

Sargent's Readers, Part II.
Town's Speller and Definer.
Eaton's Series in Arithmetic.
Warren Colburn's Mental Arithmetic.
Greenleaf's Algebras.
Cornell's Series in Geography.
Tower's Series in Grammar.
Quackenbos' History of the United States.
Cutter's Physiology.
Payson, Dunton & Scribner's Penmanship.



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REPORT

Of the Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.

The following report of the financial condition of the town, March 1st, 1865, is respectfully submitted.

ALMSHOUSE ESTABLISHMENT.

Account of Stock at Almshouse, March 1st, 1865.

11 1-2 tons of English Hay,	$345.00	
1 horse,	90.00	
2 oxen,	250.00	
8 cows,	344.00	
1 yearling,	17.00	
4 swine,	60.00	
20 fowls,	15.00	
50 bushels corn,	90.00	
1 1-2 " meal,	2.70	
7 " rye,	12.60	
1 1-2 " barley,	2.25	
2 1-2 " oats,	2.50	
2 " beans,	6.00	
93 " potatoes,	83.70	
6 " turnips,	3.00	
450 lbs. fine feed,	14.00	
270 " bacon,	59.40	
71 " butter,	35.50	
70 " lard,	15.40	
72 " dried apples,	12.96	
10 " tallow,	1.50	
15 " soap grease,	.90	
68 " candles,	12.96	
12 " braiding straw,	.96	
300 " beef,	36.00	
300 " pork,	66.00	
147 " flour,	9.75	
		1,589.08

Amount brought forward,	1,589.08	
2 1-2 bbls. vinegar,	12.00	
17 bbls. cider,	51.00	
1-2 " apples,	2.00	
Groceries,	6.00	
		$1,660.08

EXPENDITURES OF ALMSHOUSE.

Paid for groceries,	172.48	
" flour,	157.25	
" grain,	237.54	
" salt,	10.32	
" meat and fish,	54.90	
" soap,	8.48	
" clothing and bedding,	103.24	
" furniture,	24.11	
" labor on farm,	81.62	
" farming tools,	59.10	
" repairs on buildings,	13.88	
" grass and garden seeds,	8 42	
" blacksmithing,	20.64	
" medicines,	1.25	
" stock,	70.50	
" school books,	2.30	
" bread,	6.00	
" making cider,	13.41	
" fertilizers,	6.93	
" curing ham,	3.95	
" carriage hire,	2.74	
" miscellaneous,	3.24	
Due Charles Howard,	175.00	
Hay, Stock, &c. on hand, March 1, 1864,	1,258.80	
		$2,496.10

RECEIPTS OF ALMSHOUSE.

By 534 lbs. of butter,	239.98	
" milk,	37.15	
" calves,	59.90	
" hides,	13.58	
" swine,	12.00	
" vinegar and cider,	78.72	
" fowls and eggs,	33.38	
" potatoes and turnips,	122.76	
" wood and hoop poles,	9.30	
Amount,		606.77

Amount brought forward,	606.77	
By braiding straw,	5.94	
" work done for individuals,	117.17	
" grain,	7.80	
" peas and beans,	6.33	
" lard,	15.37	
" meat,	28.50	
" dried apples,	8.12	
" apples,	11 22	
" pasturing cow,	8.00	
" rye straw,	12.72	
" iron and copper,	7.80	
" barrels,	2.00	
" State aid for Herbert Torry,	13.70	
" use of hearse for 31 funerals in town,	31.00	
" " " 3 funerals out of town,	7.25	
" Hay, stock, &c. on hand March 1st, 1865,	1,660.08	
		$2,549.77

Receipts of almshouse,	$2,549.77	
Expenditures,	2,496.10	
Balance in favor of almshouse,	53.67	

INMATES OF ALMHOUSE.

	Age	Weeks		Age	Weeks
Mary Packard,	86	52	Ellen M. Torrey,	8	49
Judson Gilbert,	83	52	Rebecca Allen,	64	40
Daniel Howard,	70	52	Joshua Williams,	93	25
Otis French,	67	52	Frank A. Randall,	5	6
Asa Drake,	50	52	Almah Dickerman,	18	4
George Wade,	24	52	Henry White,	11	16
Jas. H. H. Torrey,	10	52	Hannah Willis,	60	9
Noah White,	9	27	Jonathan Howard,	66	17

Admitted the past year,	6	Now in almshouse,	13
Discharged,	3	Males,	9
Transient paupers,	4	Females,	4

Average number for the year, - - - 10 41-52.

Cost of each pauper per week, over the income of the farm, 64 1-2 cents per week.

Previous years the cost per week of keeping our paupers, over the income of the farm, has been computed on the balance against the almshouse, but, owing to the increased value of stock at this time, the balance is in favor of the almshouse. The warden's expenditures exceed his receipts, and upon that excess the computation is now based.

EXPENSES OF POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Paid Sharon,	for aid to Chloe Willis,	50.92
" William Henrys,	for aid to Frank A. Randall,	6 00
" S. L. Hospital,	" " " J. W. Marshal,	200.93
" State Almshouse,	" " " Rebecca Allen,	5.00
" O. Ames & Son,	" " " Eliza Galloway,	18.20
" Howard & Clark,	" " " " "	8.50
" Joseph Barrows,	" " " " "	24.00
" T. Buck,	" " " " "	3.00
" Depend'e French,	" " " Sidney French,	39.00
" William Smilee,	" " " Jona. Hayward,	59.50
" Howard & Clark,	" " " " "	11.13
" Raynham,	" " " Zachary Drake,	4.50
" Samuel Jones,	" " " " "	37.28
" Stoughton,	" " " Nath'l B. Lincoln,	24.50
" O. Ames & Son,	" " " " " "	8.00
" M. K. Shepard,	" " " " " "	7.75
" " " "	" " " Mary Roberts,	15.00
" O. Ames & Son,	" " " James Allen	8.89
" Jos. A. Randall,	" " " Timothy Blackman,	2.00
" Howard & Clark	" " " " "	11.00
" Taunton,	" " " Almah Dickerman,	5.00
" J. S. Drake,	" " " Peter Nelson,	130.00
" " " "	" " " Silas Shaw,	20.00
" " " "	" " " Ezra Shaw,	2.00
" " " "	" " " Mrs. Jacobs,	2.00
" " " "	" " " Geo. W. Drake,	2.50
" " " "	" " " G. Smith's family,	40.50
" H. D. Howard,	" " " " " "	7.00
" Geo. Copeland,	" " " " " "	5.00
" " "	" " " Almira Drew,	26.00
" " "	" " " Nancy Wade,	26.00
" " "	" " " Eveline Legro,	24.00
" " "	" " " Dean Ramsdell,	4.00
" Bernard Alger,	" " " Ann Clapp,	3.00
" Alson Gilmore,	" " " Melinda White,	6.25
" H. D. Howard,	" " " " "	2.00
" Canton,	" " " Emily Carrol,	3.25
" Plymouth,	" " " Isaac Dickerman,	10.00
" Dr. G. W. J. Swan,	medical aid,	6.00
		40.00
Amount paid and due from other towns,		909.60
		215.25
Balance,		$694.35

TOWN APPROPRIATIONS—1864.

Public Schools,	2,500.00	
Highway and bridges,	1,500.00	
Incidental expenses,	3,000.00	
Debts,	2,000.00	
State tax,	3,408 00	
County tax,	1,070.45	
Military appropriation,	10,000.00	
Overlayings,	668.71	
		$24,147.16
Valuation of town,	1,116,000.00	
Number of polls,	771	
Tax on property, $1.90 on	100.00	
Poll tax,	2.00	

EXPENDITURES FOR SCHOOLS.

District.	Cost of Summer School.	Cost of Winter School.	Total.
No. 1	$80.00	$137.43	$217.43
" 2	83.00	136.82	219.82
" 3	75.00	116.33	191.33
" 4	94.65	119.61	214.26
" 5	81.25	142.35	223.60
" 6	87.85	101.17	189.02
" 7	497.46	497.46	994.92
" 8	115.47	107.97	223.44
" 9	80.65	155.00	235.65
" 10	81.25	172.05	253.30
" 11	105.96	162.83	268.79
Total amount expended the past year,			$3,231.56

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid John Kimball, selectman, assessor and overseer of poor,		77.75
" " "	use of horse and carraige	13.67
" " "	expenses recruiting,	86.65
" " "	collecting, recording and returning 118 births, 57 deaths and 29 marriages,	34.20
" " "	services borrowing money, and to paying soldier's families,	50.00
" Horace D. Howard, selectman, &c.,		67.50
" " "	use of horse and carriage,	8.00
" " "	expenses recruiting,	5.25
" Joseph Barrows, selectman, &c.,		73.80
" " "	use of horse and carriage,	3.45
" " "	expenses recruiting,	449.40
" George G. Withington, school committee,		36.15
" Henry J. Fuller, " "		35.25
" Christopher C. Hussey, " "		27.75
" Hiram Phillips, constable,		22.75
		$991.57

We recommend that the town raise for expenses, the current year, the sum of three thousand dollars ($3,000) in addition to what is raised for Schools, Roads and Bridges.

JOHN KIMBALL,
HORACE D. HOWARD,
JOSEPH BARROWS,
} *Selectmen of Easton.*

EASTON, March 1st, 1864.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Town of Easton, in account with JOHN KIMBALL, Treas'r.

Dr. *To Paid,—*

Sundry town orders	965.62
State tax,	3,408.00
County tax,	1,070.45
Parish for use of town hall, and lighting,	68.00
Six per cent. on all taxes,	1,364.83
Printing,	42.00
Charles Howard,	200.00
Hannah Willis,	25.00
School orders,	3,231.56
Town Farm taxes,	78.80
G. W. J. Swan,	40.00
J. Kimball, remittances,	80.61
Aid to soldiers' families,	5,076.78
Interest on town notes,	1,053.78
A. Buck, for fowls killed by dogs, 1863,	6.50
" " " sheep " " 1862.	52.00
Z. Buck, " " " " "	32.50
Town officers,	991.57
State Treasurer, for recruiting purposes.	2,000.00
Almshouse,	187.25
O. Ames, for money advanced for recruiting,	15,265.55
Ruth Leonard, note,	225.00
Charles H. Reed, "	60.00
Catherine Crockett, "	100.00
Ann Stone "	500.00
Almira G. Smith, "	180.00
Taunton Bank, "	6,000.00
Easton " "	2,050.00
Abby Keenan, "	200.00
Eliza C. Day "	200.00
Charles Hayward, "	100.00
Rachel R. Randall, "	350.00
Lucy A. Foster, "	450.00
Mary E. Dean, "	35.00
Oren S. Marshall, "	100.00
Harriet S. Packard, "	2,000.00
Reimbursement to subscribers to war fund.	285 20
Balance in the Treasury,	1,743.68
	49,819.62

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By balance in Treasury, March 1st, 1864,		720.97
State reimbursem't for aid to families of volunt'rs,		4,763.39
Error, state aid,		12.28
State aid to paupers,		10.00
" school fund,		143.29
" Premium for recruiting,		455.00
" Incorporated stock tax,		6.071.90
T. G. Marshall, for aid to J. W. Marshall,		15.00
Raynham,		69.50
Assessors' return of taxes, 1864,		22,766.29
C. H. Reed,	on loan,	60.00
Matilda K. Shepard,	"	112.00
Mary Fitzpatrick,	"	500.00
Almira G. Smith,	"	130.00
Charlotte A. Clarke,	"	100.00
Daniel A. Clarke,	"	100.00
Orin S. Marshall,	"	200.00
Olive French,	"	200.00
Abby D. Goward,	"	150.00
Harriet N. Spaulding,	"	100.00
Ann Stone,	"	500.00
Mary Gorman,	"	300.00
George W. Simpson,	"	265.00
Fred. A. Britton,	"	200.00
Susan Randall,	"	200.00
Eliza A. Andrews,	"	200.00
Abagail Woodward,	"	80.00
Alex'r W. Woodward,	"	80.00
Mary Dunbar,	"	210.00
Calvin Marshall,	"	300.00
Taunton Bank,	"	5,000.00
William Packard,	"	100.00
John Kavanaugh,	"	100.00
Eliza C. Day,	"	200.00
Margaret Hammell,	"	50.00
Eliza J. Hammell,	"	50.00
Mary Fitzpatrick,	"	100.00
Catherine Crockett,	"	100.00
Francis D. Leonard,	"	50.00
William S. Andrews,	"	200.00
Easton National Bank,	"	2,050.00
Taunton Bank,	"	1,000.00
Mary C. Willis,	"	425.00
Mrs. H. E. Kingman,	"	150.00
Laban W. Drake,	"	50.00
Mary Desmond,	"	120.00
Amount,		48,759.62

Amount brought forward,		48,759.62
Langdon H. Randall,	"	200.00
Francis E. Leonard,	"	135.00
Abby M Keenan,	"	200.00
Ann E. Drake,	"	55.00
Ellen Bean,	"	50.00
James H. Keenan,	"	120.00
Caroline F. Hill,	"	300.00
		49,819.62

JOHN KIMBALL, *Treasurer.*

CONDITION OF THE TREASURY.

March 1st, 1865.

Unpaid notes,	19,687.00	
Due Charles Howard, April 1st,	175.00	
" Parish, rent town hall,	60.00	
		19,922.00

ASSETS.

Cash and uncollected taxes, in hands of Treas'r,	1,743.68	
Due from State for aid to families of volunteers,	5,999.43	
" " " deposited for recruiting,	1,375.00	
" " Plymouth,	77.25	
" " Canton,	120.00	
" " Newton,	5.00	
" " Boston,	15.00	
		9,335.36
		$10,588.64

LIST OF DEATHS IN 1864.

No.	Date.	Name.	Age—yrs.	mos.	days.	Disease.
1	Jan. 8th.	Catherine McEvoy,	32			consumption.
2	12th.	Laura J. White,	34	6	21	phthisis pul.
3	13th.	Margaret M'Cready,	22	4		curvis of spine.
4	14th.	Michael Murray,		4	3	teething.
5	22d.	Thomas Healy,		7	2	lung fever.
6	24th.	Caroline Storey,	27	8	22	consumption.
7	31st.	Ambrose McEvoy,	1		14	marasmas.
8	Feb. 3d.	John Heelon,		7		bronchitis.
9	4th.	David Collins,	6	5		scarlatina.
10	6th.	Hannah Mitchell,	85	7	13	old age.
11	16th.	Betsey Phillips,	79	9		pneumonia.
12	18th.	James Powers,	28			consumption.
13	18th.	Rachel R. Randall,	62	2	16	consumption.
14	27th.	Honora Leary,		2	27	
15	28th.	Rhoda Keith,	69	4	28	pneumonia.
16	Mar. 2d.	Mary Connell,	54			pneumonia.
17	8th.	Vanelia E. Alger,	28	7	18	consumption.
18	16th.	James O'Rouke,	5	3	16	consumption.
19	25th.	Foster,			5	injury to head.
20	31st.	Margaret Kelley,	25			puer. consvul'ns.
21	April 2d.	Hannah Gilmore,	91	11	26	old age.
22	8th.	Harriet R. Phillips,		5		congest'n lungs.
23	24th.	William A Austin,	24	10	10	typhoid pneum.
24	May 15th.	Sally Lothrop,	77		6	old age.
25	23d.	David Middleton,	20	2	7	consumption.
26	25th.	Louisa C. Parker.	53	5	16	lung fever.
27	29th.	Emma M. Randall,	15	2	17	typhoid fever.
28	June 1st.	Timothy Carney,		1	7	inflam'n bowels.
29	8th.	Ann Lyons,	28			phthisis pulmo.
30	21st.	Eliphalet T. Dunbar,	47			Apoplexy.
31	28th.	Mary Bennett,	71	4	14	gastritis.
32	30th.	Statira R. Marshall,	41	4	9	consumption.
33	July 2d.	James P. Brady,		1	3	cholera infant.
34	3d.	William Reed,	76	6	21	chronic inflam.
35	25th.	Polly Phillips,	60			inflam. bowels.
36	Aug. 4th.	George Swan,		11	8	burn.
37	12th.	John Torrey,	70	9	6	dry gangrene.
38	12th.	Sophia Williams,		4	27	bowel compl'nt.
39	17th.	Michael Garfney,		3		canker.
40	20th.	Lucy M. Howard,	35		10	phthisis.
41	25th.	Emeline A. Marshall,	37	3	4	uterine phetisis.
42	Sept. 3d.	Margaret Healy,		2	12	cholera infant.
43	11th.	Benj. F. Boodry,	27	4		fever and ague.
44	18th.	Eliza Galloway,	75			dysentery.
45	Oct. 5th.	Jeremiah Collins,		9		cholera infant.

No.	Date	Name.	Age—yrs.	mos.	days.	Disease.
46	Oct. 10th.	Julia F. Dickerman,	24	9	1	phthisis.
47	23d.	Daniel Murphy,	48			asthma.
48	25th.	Marcia W. Bump,	54	10		phthisis.
49	27th.	Susan Smith,	37	9		phthisis.
50	Nov. 2d.	Walter F. White,	6	5	23	whooping cough
51	20th.	Preston H. Grover,	73	9		paralysis brain.
52	25th.	John Mulherin,	38			accidental.
53	Dec. 2d.	Adelia L. Dickerman,	6	9	7	membr'e cough.
54	9th.	Phelan,			1	prem. birth.
55	10th.	Elmina Briton,	51	10	27	phthisis.
56	14th.	Jonathan Hayward,	66	7		consumption.
57	15th.	Susan R. Howard,	21	7		tubular consum-

LIQUOR AGENCY.

Dr. CHARLES HOWARD, *Agent*, IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN OF EASTON. Cr.

To Liquors on hand, March 1st, 1864,	$115.22	By amount of Liquors on hand, March 1st, 1865,	187.06
" Liquors purchased,	726.32		
" Agent's salary,	50.00	" Casks and Measures,	10.50
" Profit,	98.39	" Amount of Liquors sold,	842.37
	$989.93		$989.93

Dr, CHARLES HOWARD, LIQUOR AGENCY, CASH ACCOUNT. Cr.

To cash on hand, March 1st, 1864,	37.19	By cash paid for Liquors,	726.32
" Liquors sold,	842.37	" " " " Liquor Agent,	50.00
	$879.56	" " " " for License,	24.17
		" " " " Tax,	1.80
		" " " " Faucets,	1.00
		" " " " Pens,	.24
		" " on hand,	76.03
			$879.56

EASTON, March 1st, 1865.

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF EASTON,

For the year 1864-5.

TAUNTON, MASS.,
C. A. HACK & SON, PRINTERS, 7 UNION BLOCK,
1865.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

For the year 1864-5.

GEORGE G. WITHINGTON, *Chairman and Secretary.*
HENRY J. FULLER,
CHRISTOPHER C. HUSSEY.

TEACHERS EMPLOYED.

District		Summer.	Winter.
No. 1.		Elizabeth Rodman.	
" 2.		Emily A. Spraker,	Willard Eddy,
" 3.		Catherine H. Brett,	Beriah T. Hillman,
" 4.		Mary F. Wood,	Carrie H. Kingsbury.
" 5.		Lucy Mansfield,	
" 6.		Addie M. Allen,	Hannah Williams,
" 7	Gram. Dep.	Owen B. Stone,—Ass't, Ettie Sampson,	
	Inter. "	N. J. Russell,	
	Prim. "	H. A. Lake,	
" 8.		Mary R. Packard,	
" 9.		Anne M. Randall,	Henry L. Reed,
" 10.		Jane W. Gurney,	W. Harvey Gurney,
" 11.		Pauline T. Wood,	Richmond Selee.

REPORT.

CITIZENS OF EASTON: Once more your Committee come before you by their Annual Report of the condition of the Public Schools. The assessors state the number of children in town, of legal school age, on the 1st of May, 1864, at 644. Of these, 624 have attended school, being 96 per cent., besides 75 scholars under 5 years or over 15: giving a total of 699. District No. 8 has been in charge of the school committee of Stoughton.

Further information is given in the following detailed reports of the several schools and in the appended table of statistics:—

FIRST DIVISION.

DISTRICT No. 4.—*Summer Term.*—Teacher, Miss Mary F. Wood of Middleboro. Her labors in the district were very successful. The teacher's quiet and unassuming demeanor in the school-room was a pleasing feature. Order, good. Sound and rapid advancement was made in most of the studies. We were glad to see the scholars begining to comprehend that Arithmetic is a system of principle, and not merely a set of examples. Much valuable oral instruction was mingled with the exercises of the text-books —a practice which, we hope, will become more general with our teachers

Winter Term.—Teacher, Miss Kingsbury, of Foxboro' This term of the school did not commence until several weeks after the proper time. We are, therefore, unable to speak justly, at this time of writing, of its results. So far, the teacher seems to have

succeeded very well: maintaining excellent order in her school, requiring a thorough and careful preparation of the lessons assigned, and laboring to have her pupils comprehend the ground passed over.

District No. 7.—Intermediate Department. This department of the school continued during the summer and fall terms under the instruction of the former teacher, Miss N. J. Ford, who resigned her position at the close of the fall term. She was diligent and painstaking during her whole term of service; and her efforts have not been without profit to the district. She is succeeded by Mrs. O. B. Stone—a teacher of tried ability—from whom, of course, much is expected.

Grammar Department. Mr. O. B. Stone still has charge of this branch of the school. We are happy to repeat, emphatically, what we said of his school in our last report. It still continues to grow and strengthen in all the substantial characteristics of a first class school. Miss Ettie Sampson has acted as an assistant during the year. This was her first attempt at teaching, and her complete success augurs well for her fitness and adaption to the business. The classes under her charge appear uniformly to have studied and learned understandingly and thoroughly. It is no small credit to the school itself to have produced so excellent a teacher.

District. No. 11.—*Summer Term.*—Teacher, Miss Pauline T. Wood, of Middleboro'. The school this term was unusually large and prosperous; the teacher able and thoroughly competent—emphatically master of the situation. The drill, in all the exercises of the school, was patient, full and complete. We wish all teachers so well understood that their duty is, to instil and ingraft in the minds of the pupils those elementary principles which are the fundamentals of all wisdom. Due meed of praise must be given the scholars, for that they put forth their best endeavors to attain the goodly condition of the school.

Winter Term.—Teacher, Mr. Richmond Selee, of Easton. The district was equally fortunate in the selection of a teacher for this

term. Mr. Selee labored faithfully in season and out, anxious that nothing set forth in the text-books should escape the understanding of his pupils. Very good degree of real progress was made in all branches. After the first week or two, excellent discipline prevailed in the school. The results of the term were entirely satisfactory. If we had any suggestion to make, we should say to Mr. Selee, indulge more in oral instruction—bring forth from the full storehouse of your learning—out of the abundance of your heart, let your mouth speak.

H. G. FULLER, *Committee.*

SECOND DIVISION.

District No. 6.—The school for the summer was kept by Miss A. M. Allen, of Mansfield, who evinced fitness and earnest faithfulness; and the results—a pleasant school and satisfactory progress—were realized. Miss Hannah Williams, of Easton, was the teacher of the winter term, and to visit the school during her administration was sufficient to convince one that she had not mistaken her calling. The amount of work done in the term was all that could be expected, and it was done thoroughly and pleasantly. The perfect mutuality existing between teacher and pupils was a marked feature of the school this term; and while it showed the fitness of the teacher for her post, it reflected credit on the pupils for a responsive and obedient disposition. The moral atmosphere of this school-room, the attention and politeness of the pupils, are marked; and we hope that the present general very desirable character of the school will encourage the district ere long to provide for it a better house, which is much needed.

District No. 7.—The primary school of this district was under the care of Mrs. Lake, whose qualifications as a teacher of young children are so well known that it is only needful to say that it has sustained the high character it has had hitherto.

Mrs. Lake, having, to the regret of the Committee, resigned her place, it has recently been taken by Miss Mary R. Packard, and if the same success attends her labors as did in District No. 8, where

she has taught for several terms, the satisfaction of parents and Committee with the school, which has been so great, will continue.

District No. 9.—The summer school here was taught by Miss Annie M. Randall, of Easton, who discharged her duties faithfully and to the satisfaction of the Committee, as well as to the accomplishment of as much progress by the pupils as could be looked for. The winter school has been under the charge of Mr. Henry L. Reed, of Easton. Capable and conscientious devotion on the part of the teacher has produced its usual fruits, and it may be said of this school that while its advancement in scholarship the last term has certainly been up to the average standard, its general condition in respects to discipline has greatly improved from what it was a year or two ago. The sense of deficiency in this particular, which the Commitee then painfully felt, is not now found on a visit to the school.

District. No. 10.—For the summer term Miss Jane W. Gurney, of Abington, was the teacher. The Committee have nothing but words of satisfaction to express with her labor and with the general condition and progress of the school under them. Mr. W. H. Gurney, of Abington, was the principal for the winter term. Mr. G. is evidently fitted for the duties he has undertaken, and his care and faithfulness are made manifest in the advancement of the school in its scholarship and especially in its discipline. The machinery of governing is kept more out of sight than is sometimes the case, which is always desirable, making the result more marked as well as more permanently beneficial, while it gives to the school-room a pleasanter atmosphere. The interest which has prompted the district to repair its school-house recently is not lost, but is responded to by the pupils and produces good points. And now it is to be hoped that, encouraged by this result, the time will soon come when another needed step will be taken,—the enlargement of the school-room, its capacity having been outgrown.

Of three of these schools, as of most of the others in town, we feel solemnly bound to repeat what was said last year—and to keep repeating it,—that their frequent breaking up and change of teachers is a great evil. The amount of money now expended for education would produce astonishingly greater results if it were accompanied with such an addition as would give annual schools. This shortening of the scholar's school days to about half the year, with long vacations intervening, is a great drawback wherever the system exists, and is below the demands and spirit of the age on the all important subject of education.

May the matter receive the earnest considerations of all parents and the community throughout.

C. C. HUSSEY, *Committee*

THIRD DIVISION.

District No. 1,—Teacher, Miss Elizabeth Rodman, of Taunton. No marked feature presented itself to the notice of the Committee, calling for special praise or censure. The teacher labored conscientiously and assiduously through the year, and a fair average of deportment and scholarship was apparent. Some classes in reading showed decided progress. In no respect was there any falling away from the standard of order and attainment of previous years. A more than ordinary degree of interest in the welfare of the school manifested by the parents of the district, conduces much to its prosperity, preventing ill-feeling and complaints which often exert an injurious influence. Without exhibiting distinguished excellence in any single respect the whole appearance of the school was creditable.

District No. 2.—Teachers, Miss Emily A. Speaker, of Mansfield, and Mr. Willard Eddy, of North Bridgewater. We have the greater pleasure in giving a good report of this school, that it has not always been deserving of commendation. The element of insubordination, heretofore fruitful of difficulty and disturbance, seems to be removed or overcome. The winter term especially, afforded satisfactory evidence of improvement both moral and intellectual. The teacher by his dignified, kindly and constant de-

meanor gained the good-will and respect of his pupils and leaves behind him an influence upon their characters and manner not soon to be lost. Cultivation of the musical talent of the school formed a pleasing and profitable exercise.

District No. 3.—Teachers, Miss Catherine H. Brett, of Easton, and Mr. Beriah T. Hillman, of Chilmark. Few schools in town exhibit from year to year a more uniform measure of order and proficiency than this, and the last is no exception to its usual prosperity. We were glad to remark that thoroughness rather than rapid advancement was sought in imparting instruction and that consequently the scholars were not only prompt and correct in their work, but prepared to explain it. The attendance fell somewhat short of former averages.

District No. 5.—Teacher, Miss Lucy Mansfield, of Easton. The periodical visits to this school have been a source of pleasure as well as an official duty. The number of scholars increased from last year about thirty per cent., and a zeal and interest appeared on their part which would do credit to those more advanced in age and attainments. The average attendance was materially affected by removals from the district during the terms, and by sickness. Setting aside the unavoidable absence from these causes it was very good. The summer examination was not attended by the Committee; that at the close of the winter term showed a gratifying condition of the school, and the interest would have been heightened had more of the parents honored the occasion with their presence.

GEO. G. WITHINGTON, *Committee.*

The School Committee are happy to report a condition of the schools for the past year exceedingly gratifying. During no previous year of our official connection with them have they been so uniformly prosperous. The district committees have faithfully and judiciously performed their duties and the teachers selected have proved generally capable and successful. The endeavor to

retain those who have shown themselves well qualified, and the growing disposition to employ female teachers in the winter schools, when feasible, have been productive of good results. Regarding the latter, we are glad to see the prejudice giving way which has prevented the employment of females where both fitness and economy dictate the measure. The only objection deserving notice is of their alleged inability to preserve requisite order among the increased number of pupils, and especially boys of a large growth who attend school during the winter months. But experience convinces us that, as a general rule, there is a natural sense of propriety which more than compensates for the absence of physical force in the government of this class of scholars, and the exceptions to this are subjects to be dealt with by the Committee and not by the teacher. Our duty and privilege lead us to add to this report a few practical suggestions and remarks.

There is need of more oral instruction in our schools to create greater interest and insure greater thoroughness in the studies pursued. Text-books are intended to be a guide and help to teachers, but too many use them as *crutches*, wanting culture or confidence to go beyond them, or depart from their language in imparting information. Instruction demands more than putting questions from a manual and hearing answers learned by rote. Children require to have the attention excited and fixed by further questioning, apt illustrations, encouragement to express their own ideas in their own language. He who would "act well his part" as an instructor must possess a mind enriched by reading and matured by thought; nor ever come before a class unless especially prepared to do justice to the subject under consideration. Too many of our teachers fail in these qualifications and this preparation, and too many recitations are conducted from the book in a manner purely mechanical. The responsibility and the remedy lie primarily with those to whom the employment of teachers is entrusted.

We desire to call attention to the importance of reading and spelling, which, in some instances, seems to be undervalued by parent, teacher and scholar. The crowded schedule of classes, to go through with, for which the day is all too short, is made an excuse

for abridging the time allotted to these fundamentals of education. Often, instruction in the former is little more than nominal, comprised in a short daily exercise without analysis of what is read, or minute criticism of the manner, tone and enunciation of the reader; while practice in spelling is confined to the last few minutes of the session, or, sometimes, crowded out altogether. This is a fault of the first magnitude. If there be not time to accomplish all that is desired, let the deficiency fall on any department but these. It is the duty of parents to see that their children do not neglect the elementary studies, which fit them for practical usefulness, to obtain a mere smattering of the higher branches of learning which are unwisely introduced into our district schools. The fact is apparent, when we consider that this class of schools is largely composed of those who will enjoy no further educational facilities, that too many studies are allowed and too much ground covered in each. It is not to be expected that they shall graduate mathematicians, philosophers and bachelors of science, but we may reasonably ask that every diligent pupil shall be prepared to take a respectable position among intelligent men and women. The remarks concerning reading and spelling apply also to the art of writing, which in few cases is taught regularly, systematically and faithfully. In some schools, during the past year, considerable pains have been taken and commendable improvement appears; but, more frequently, an inspection of the copy-books has revealed the teacher's negligence and the learner's carelessness. Want of time is the apology, but for these things time should be taken, though Algebra, Geometry and Philosophy suffer in consequence.

District No. 11 contains fifty-five children, by the last census, between the ages of five and fifteen years, with an average attendance of sixty-one; a number beyond the capacity of a single teacher to instruct and govern with profit. In such cases the statute (GEN. STAT. *chap.* 38, p. 9) provide that "in every public school having an average of fifty (50) scholars, the school district or town to which such school belongs, shall employ one or more female assistants; unless such district or town, at a meeting called for the purpose, votes to dispense with such assistant." In this school there

is manifest need of such aid to the teacher, as it has long been a custom and necessity to employ the older scholars in the care of younger classes. It will be seen that the statute requires an assistant to be provided and it is the duty of the Prudential Committee to attend to it, unless the district, at a meeting *called for the purpose*, instruct him otherwise.

A subject may come before our citizens at the approaching town meeting, of great importance to the educational interests of the town and to every inhabitant. Easton appears on the list of delinquents under the Act of 1857, requiring "every town containing 500 families or householders to maintain (besides its common schools) a school to be kept by a master, of competent ability and good morals, who, in addition to the branches of learning before mentioned, shall give instruction in General History, Book-keeping, Surveying, Geometry, Natural Philosophy, Chemistry, Botany, the civil policy of this Commonwealth and of the United States, and the Latin language. Such last mentioned school shall be kept for the benefit of all the inhabitants of the town, ten months at least, exclusive of vacations, in each year, and at such convenient place, or alternately at such places in the town, as the legal voters at their annual meeting determine." And "a town which refuses or neglects to raise money for the support of schools, as required by this chapter, shall forfeit a sum equal to twice the highest sum ever before voted for the support of schools therein." The difficulty likely to arise is that of locating such a school to meet the wants and views of those living in different sections of our widely scattered town. Mr. Boutwell, late Secretary of the Board of Education, says in the twenty-fourth Annual Report,—"Several towns have tried the experiment of having a High School kept at different places in the town, and in every instance reported such experiments have proved disastrous." This and all testimony on the subject warns us against a *locomotive* school. The question, then, will first present itself to every mind, —if we establish a High-school, where shall it be? North Easton contains a greater number of youth than any other single village; but there, the school would be inaccessible and useless to a majority of the inhabitants of the town whom it is to benefit; and in that

quarter, moreover, there is, in successful operation, a Grammar School which, to a great degree, supplies the place there of that proposed. A somewhat central location is the only one to be contemplated as carrying out the meaning of the statute, and this will entail the inconvenience of distance in nearly equal degree upon the North, West and South communities. Harmony of action will demand a sacrifice of personal preferences to the public good, and dissatisfaction, here and there, can hardly be avoided. The yearly expense of a high-school is estimated at from one thousand to twelve hundred dollars; while the first cost of its establishment would be less than the penalty imposed for a year's neglect, should complaint be made.

The welfare and progress of our schools demand increased effort on the part of parent and pupils to secure constancy of attendance. Only 96 per cent. of those children who should enjoy the privilege of a free education avail themselves of it; and of the whole number of scholars the average attendance is only 81 per cent. In this respect the town, by the last State Report, ranks 162d in the State, or slightly above a medium. As this is a matter of the last importance your Committee feel justified in keeping it before the people until the desired result is obtained.

It is to the credit of the town that during a time of struggle and depression no motive of false economy has curtailed its appropriations for the education of the young; and now that we may hopefully anticipate the dawning of a brighter day, may a still greater liberality be considered the part of wisdom. In regard to the per centage of its valuation devoted to school purposes, Easton stands forty-third in rank among the three hundred and thirty-three towns of the Commonwealth, and second among the nineteen towns of the County; and in the average amount expended for each scholar, one hundred and ninety-third in the State and thirteenth in the County. These figures are based on the statistics of 1863. Holding already so respectable a place, let us aim to stand yet higher.

GEORGE G. WITHINGTON

For the Committee.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

DISTRICTS.	Children between 5 and 15 years.	Length of school in weeks.	Whole number of scholars	Scholars over 15 years.	Scholars under 5 years.	Average attendance.	Teachers wages per month.	Cost of each scholar per week.
1. Summer.	52	13	52	1	1	43.1	$24.00	$ .115+
Winter.		13	49	7	0	37.6	34.00	.173+
2. Summer.	36	13	40	0	3	30.9	24.00	.15
Winter.		13	39	0	0	30.2	40.00	.236+
3. Summer.	35	13	33	2	0	26.4	19.75	.159+
Winter.		13	36	6	0	32.4	35.00	.243+
4. Summer.	29	13	35	2	0	32.4	28.00	.20
Winter.		13	31	5	0	26.	32.00	.258+
5. Summer.	36	13	38	2	0	31.7	25.00	.164+
Winter.		13	43	2	0	33.	35.00	.203+
6. Summer.	19	13	24	0	3	19.4	22.00	.229+
Winter.		13	20	4	2	15.3	31.00	.387+
7. Summer.	264	12	271	9	4	231.	150.00	.138+
Winter.		14	273	9	3	226.4	150.00	.137+
8. Summer.	51	13	50	–	–	48.	——	——
Winter.		13	57	–	–	54.	——	——
9. Summer.	29	13	32	2	0	22.9	20.00	.156+
Winter.		13	32	5	0	29.3	46.00	.359+
10. Summer.	38	13	37	2	2	29.	25.00	.178+
Winter.		13	35	8	0	31.6	50.00	.357+
11. Summer.	55	13	58	3	1	52.	29.00	.124+
Winter.		13	70	15	1	61.7	50.00	.178+
Total,	644	286	699	61	14	572.2		†.207+

In charge of Stoughton Committee. † Average.

NAMES OF SCHOLARS,

Who have not been absent nor tardy during a term.

An asterisk prefixed, points out the names of those who thus distinguished themselves in both terms.

District No. 1.

Cora Frost,
*Caroline A. Morse,
*Gertrude Morse,
Eudora Smith,
Annie Drew,
Ella Drake,
Horace Mitchell,
*Herbert B. Dean.
John Morse,
*Charles Snell.

District No. 2.

Lizzie L. Reed,
Helen L. Clapp,
Isabel Gould,
Frank S. Howard.

District No. 3.

Luthera E. Pratt,
Almira E. Dean,
Eveline A. Drake.

District No. 4.

*Ellen M. Williams,
Hattie E. Williams,
*Susan B. Williams,
*Katie E. Williams.
Lois G. Gardner,
Maria Drew,
Carrie E. Drake,
*Clifton Williams,
Edgar L. Williams,
*Jesse H. Williams,
Granville J. Williams.

District No. 5.

Hattie E. Keith,
Alice J. Linehan,
*Nellie A. Rollins,
Nellie C. Boardman,
Jennie L. Boardman.
Mary Nelson,
Charles Evans,
George J. Rollins.

District No. 6.

Elma M. Buck,
George M. Glines,
Warren B. Wilson,
Lewis S. Packard,
Charles L. Wilson.

District No. 7.

Sarah Barlow,
Phebe Read,
Mary Reynolds,
Julia Maynehan,
Mary Dineen,
Annie Russell,
Mary A. Healey,
F. A. Higginbottom,

Margaret Skilly,
*Edith Williams,
*Helen Carr,
Eliza J. Roberts,
*Mary A. Hearn,
*Bridget Slattery,
Mary Handlon,
Mary H. French,
*Margaret Healy,
Lizzie Leighton,
Margaret Cahil,
Kate Malif,
*Minne E. Wells,
*Kate McAvoy,
Mary A. McGrath,
Emma F. Schindler,
Catherine Leary,
*Mary Roach,
Mary McDonald,
*Lettie Lincoln,
Edith Russell,
Lucy Randall,
*Jeannette Russell,
*Martha Day,
Luella Willis,
Anna Staples,
*Rebecca Hamming,
Minerva Keene,
Letitia Bartlett,
*Vesta Sampson,
*Ida Phillips,
Alice Humphrey,
*Inez Reed,
*Anna Bird,
*Margaret Conlon,
Mary Conlon,
Sarah McGirty,
Addie Waite,
Jane Roberts,
Mary Mulligan,
Lizzie Collins,
Louisa Thayer,
Jannie Warner,
Laura White,
Mary Higginbottom,
Emily Cobbett,
Ansel Rice,
Frank Lothrop,
Jeremiah Riordon,
James Blake,
A. E. White,
George McFarland,
Ellis Randall,
James Hayes,
Willie Lincoln,
*Willie Conlin,
*Charles Phillips,
Frank M. Swain,
Joseph Daley,
*Ernest Leighton,
Willie Dorrity,
Charles McMullen,
John Barlow,
*John Ripley,
*Eddie Gilmore,
Frank Pratt,
George Standish,
*Augustus Osgood,
*Charles Higginbottom,
Edward McGrath,
*George Andrews,
Herbert Wells,
Frank Phillips,
Herbert Randall,
Joseph O'Keeffe,
Thomas Hefferman,
George Clarke,
James A. Hearn,
James McFarland,
Henry Williams,
Charles Blaisdell,
Anson Day,
Joseph O'Hanlon,
Howard Standish.

District No. 9.

Angeline L. Leonard.
Charles T. Dailey,
Thomas W. Howard,
Russell H. Leonard.

District No. 10.

Eglantine Smith,
Eldora Smith,
*Emmaletta Smith,

Lizzie Keith,
Frank Keith,
Deroice Smith,
James Smith,
Oscar Randall,
Everett Randall,
Orvis Randall,
George Lincoln,
Walter Nye,
Alphonso Gooch,
Charles Hewett,
Horace Allen,

District No. 11.

*Minnie C. Belcher,
*Marietta A. Cobbett,
Carrie E. Williams,
*Mary McKeon,
Lizzie Fitzpatrick,
Mary Fitzpatrick,
Margaret Fitzpatrick,
*Mary J. Matthews,
Carrie E. Sisson,
Lizzie A. Phillips,
Emma K. Cobbett,
Granville A. Hayward,
Clarence A. Hayward,
Charles F. Belcher,
Eddie F. Belcher,
Frank L. Britton,
Edward I. Drake,
Frank H. Newcomb,
Frank F. Hill,
Lafayette N. Hill,
*Lewis T. Cobbett,
Fred D. King,
Frank E. King,
Thomas H. Matthews,
John Needham,
Total, 177

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REPORT

Of the Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor.

The following Report of the financial condition of the town, February 1, 1866, is respectfully submitted.

ALMSHOUSE ESTABLISHMENT.

Account of Stock at Almshouse Feb. 1, 1866.

15 tons English hay,	$405.00	
2 " meadow, "	24.00	
1 horse,	90.00	
2 oxen,	175.00	
8 cows,	360.00	
3 swine,	56 00	
14 fowls,	14.00	
70 bushels corn,	70.00	
8 1-2 " rye,	8.50	
10 " barley,	10.00	
4 1-2 " oats,	3.37	
100 " potatoes,	80.00	
250 lbs. fine feed,	4.81	
325 " bacon,	71.50	
75 " butter,	37.00	
74 " lard,	18.50	
30 " dried apples,	5.00	
91 " candles,	16.38	
29 " braiding straw,	1.74	
400 " beef,	50.00	
500 " pork,	100.00	
1 1-2 bbls. flour,	20.00	
1 1-2 " vinegar,	13.50	
4 3-4 " cider,	33.25	
1-2 " soap,	2.00	
Groceries,	6.00	
		$1,675.55

EXPENDITURES OF ALMSHOUSE.

Paid for groceries,	120.80	
" flour,	144.70	
" grain,	219.85	
" salt,	11.59	
" meat and fish,	53.04	
" soap,	15.02	
" clothing and bedding,	162.06	
" furniture,	11.79	
" labor on farm,	124.20	
" farming tools,	21.82	
" repairs on buildings,	21.63	
" grass and garden seeds,	11.59	
" blacksmithing,	20.12	
" stock,	31.50	
" school books,	4.77	
" making cider,	5.32	
" medicine and medical aid,	20.87	
" carriage hire,	2.80	
" burials,	25.95	
" town farm tax,	67.12	
" miscellaneous,	1.54	
Due Francis Dunbar, Warden, for 10 *mos.* service,	250.00	
Hay, stock, &c., on hand, March 1, 1865,	1,660.08	
		$3,008.16

RECEIPTS OF ALMSHOUSE.

By 809 lbs. of butter,	332.26	
" milk,	73.74	
" calves,	68.94	
" hides,	6.24	
" vinegar and cider,	105.69	
" fowls and eggs,	35.99	
" potatoes and turnips,	77.95	
" soap grease,	4 04	
" straw braid,	15.77	
" work done for individuals,	114.51	
" grain,	4.19	
" lard,	25.28	
" meat,	15.16	
" dried apples,	2.16	
" pasturing cow,	8 00	
" rye straw,	8.82	
" old iron,	2 35	
" use of lockup,	1.50	
" hay,	75.19	977.78

By cranberries,	19.56	977.78
" difference in oxen,	129.00	
" aid to Mrs. Garvin and child,	15.00	
" use of hearse for 39 funerals in town,	39.00	
" " " 12 " out of town,	33.50	
Hay, stock, &c., on hand, Feb. 1st. 1866.	1,675.55	
		$2,889.39
Expenditures,	3,008.16	
Receipts of Almshouse,	2,889.39	
Balance against the Almshouse,	$118.77	

INMATES OF ALMSHOUSE.

	Age	Weeks		Age	Weeks
Mary Packard, *died*,	87	45	Joshua Williams, *died*,	94	31
Judson Gilbert,	84	48	Almah Dickerman,	19	48
Daniel Howard,	71	48	Ella A. Dickerman,	14	26
Otis French,	68	48	Ellen M. Torrey,	9	48
Asa Drake,	51	48	Agnes G. Phillips,	10	23
George Wade,	25	48	Henry White,	13	21
James H. H. Torrey,	11	48	Bradley F. Murphy,	9	5
Noah White,	10	48	Nathaniel H. Murphy,	8	5
Frank Randall,	5	26	Frederick E. Murphy,	3	5
Rebecca Allen,	65	33	Robert Bowden,	36	1

Admitted the past year,	7	Now in Almshouse,	14
Discharged,	3	Males,	10
Transient paupers,	4	Females,	4

Average number for the year, - - - 13 33-48.

Cost of each pauper per week, over the income of the farm, 18 cents.

EXPENSES OF POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Paid Joseph Barrows,	aid to	Wm. Brown,	19.25		
" North Bridgewater,	aid to	Ellen Torrey,	26.00		
" Plymouth.	"	" Isaac Dickerman,	15.00		
" State L. Hospital,	"	" John W. Marshall,	218.11		
" Joseph Barrows,	"	" Geo. E. R. Leighton,	30.00		
" Stoughton,	"	" Duane Baker,	8.00		
" Hannah French,	"	" Sidney French,	36.00		
" Dr. G. B. Cogswell,		medical,	13.00		
" Samuel Jones,	aid to	Zachary Drake,	36.25		
" Horace D. Howard,	"	" Nathaniel Faddin,	10.00	411.61	

Amount brought forward,				$411.61
Paid Horace D. Howard,	"	"	Galen Smith,	1.10
" " "	"	"	Melinda White,	5.15
" David Hervey,	"	"	" "	5.25
" Joel S. Drake,	"	"	" "	3 50
" " "	"	"	Lenora Batchelder,	2.90
" " "	"	"	Galen Smith,	14.00
" " "	"	"	Geo. W. Drake,	13.13
" " "	"	"	Ziba Wade,	18.38
" " "	"	"	Silas Shaw,	3.00
" " "	"	"	Nathaniel Faddin,	3.00
" " "	"	"	Ann Clapp's child,	7 34
" " "	"	"	Peter Nelson,	120.00
" George Copeland,	"	"	Melinda White,	7.00
" " "	"	"	Almira Drew,	22.00
" " "	"	"	Nancy Wade,	24.00
" " "	"	"	Eveline Legro,	24.00
" " "	"	"	Ann Clapp,	3.00
" " "	"	"	Ziba Wade,	9.00
" O. Ames & Sons,	"	"	Geo. E R. Leighton,	5.00
" " "	"	"	Mrs. Wm. Brown,	8 58
" " "	"	"	James Allen,	1.00
" " "	"	"	Nathaniel B. Lincoln,	2.00
" " "	"	"	Charlotte Sloan,	3.00
" " "	"	"	Julia Murphy,	7.35
" " "	"	"	Susan Randall,	3.45
" " "	"	"	Sylvia Batchelder,	9.18
" " "	"	"	Ann Clapp,	9.77
" Dr. Samuel Deans,	"	"	Galen Smith,	6 25
" " "	"	"	Nathaniel Faddin,	6.00
" Salem,	"	"	Zibeon Terril,	7.00
" E. W. Dean,	"	"	Mrs. Garvin and child,	5.00
" Lucius Howard,	"	"	Julia Murphy,	9.09
" Josiah F. Goward,	"	"	Susan Randall,	5.00
				784.73
Amount received and due from other towns,				201.53
Balance,				$583.20

TOWN APPROPRIATIONS.

Public Schools,	$2,700.00	
Highways and bridges,	1,500.00	
Reimbursement to War Fund,	11.000.00	
State tax,	9.588.00	
County tax,	2.008.20	
Overlay,	999.75	
		$27,795.95

Valuation of the town, May 1, 1865,		
Real estate,	$843,056.00	
Personal "	805,736.00	
Total valuation.		$1,648,792.00
Number of polls taxed,	783.	
Property tax, $1.50 on $100.00.		
Poll tax,	$2.00.	

STATISTICS.

By the State census, there were in the town, May 1, 1865, as follows

Dwelling-houses,	652
Families,	693
Inhabitants,	3,084
Churches,	6
School-houses,	12
Ratable polls,	826
Voters,	601
Naturalized voters,	75

APPROPRIATIONS FOR SCHOOLS.

Town Appropriations,	$2,700.00	
State School Fund.	158.42	
		$2,858.42

Divided as follows:—

District No. 1	61	scholars,	$242.04
" " 2	44	"	205.22
" " 3	34	"	183.56
" " 4	28	"	170.57
" " 5	38	"	192.23
" " 6	18	"	148.92
" " 7	272	"	918.85
" " 8	52	"	222.54
" " 9	28	"	170.57
" " 10	33	"	181.38
" " 11	52	"	222.54
			$2,858.42

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid John Kimball, selectman, assessor and over-		
" " " seer of poor,	98.10	
" " " collecting, recording and returning, 86 births, 65 deaths, and 21 marriages,	27.80	
" " " services borrowing money, and paying to soldiers' families,	50.00	
" Horace D. Howard, selectman, &c.	59.33	
" Joseph Barrows, " "	74.15	
" George G. Withington, school committee,	32.63	
" Henry J. Fuller, " "	41.40	
" Christopher C. Hussey, " "	26.25	
" Hiram Phillips, " "	14.00	
		$423.66

Guide boards remain the same as last year.

MILITARY.

During the past year the terrible civil war, in which the country was involved, ended in the suppression of the rebellion, and the complete restoration of the national authority.

This result, so glorious to the country and so important to mankind, was achieved by an immense expenditure of treasure and an awful sacrifice of human life.

Every part of the country suffered. Our town met all the requirements of the war promptly. It furnished three hundred and thirty-four men for the army and navy, and expended forty thousand, five hundred and three dollars, (in addition to large contributions by individuals,) for various purposes connected with the war.

Forty-five of our townsmen are numbered with the "unreturning brave." At their country's call they went forth to battle and to death, that the nation might live. Long may their memory be cherished! It is hoped that some fitting memorial, in commemoration of their services and sacrifices, will soon be erected in town.

Names of persons from this town who were killed, or died of wounds, while in the service.

Mason A. Hill,	Patrick McCourt,
Thomas Duffy,	Michael E. Roach,
John Goulding,	John Duffy,
Peleg F. Randall,	Seth T. Dunbar,
Seth Ramsdell,	J. Manley Tinkham,
Adison A. Lothrop,	Charles L. Britton, Jr.
Cornelius Slattery,	Albert Tilden,
John D. Haney,	Daniel Donovan,
Michael Cunningham,	Richard Seavers.
Hosea S. Packard.	

Names of persons from this town who died of disease contracted while in the service.

Charles Bellows,	George A. Tilden,
James A. Humphrey,	William M Packard,
Jason F. Eldridge,	Michael Milleric,
Samuel H. Gilmore,	John Richards,
Edward W Hansel,	Calvin A. Marshal,
Charles H. Willis,	E. Granville Howard.
Minot E. Phillips.	George H. Davis,
Theodore Mitchell,	Franklin Godfrey,
Phineas A. Randall,	Benjamin Boodry,
Major Crockett,	H. Frank Pool,
Henry T. Drew,	John Randall,
John Mullen,	Charles S. Torrey,
John Phillips,	William A. Lothrop.

JOHN KIMBALL,
HORACE D. HOWARD,
JOSEPH BARROWS,
} *Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor of Easton.*

Easton, Feb. 1, 1866.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Town of Easton, in account with J. KIMBALL, Treasurer.

DR. *To Paid,—*

Sundry town orders,	894.33	
State tax,	9,588.00	
County tax,	2,008.20	
Parish for use of town hall,	60.00	
Six per cent on all taxes,	1,577.76	
Printing,	74.77	14,203.06

Amount brought forward,			$14,203.06
Charles Howard,			175.00
School orders,			2,165,69
Town Farm taxes,			63.10
Geo. W. Cogswell,			30.00
J. Kimball, remittances,			81.40
Aid to soldiers' families,			2,148.19
Reimbursement of war fund,			9,426.66
Town officers,			423.66
Interest on town notes,			1,144.47
O. Ames & Sons, for war purposes,			797,15
Charles D. Williams,	note,		200.00
Rachel R. Randall,	"		100.00
Henry J. Fuller,	"		170.00
Orrin S. Marshall,	"		100.00
Lewis R Randall,	"		150.00
Matilda K. Shepard,	"		112.00
Thomas Williams,	"		170.00
do. do.	"	endorsed	10.00
Mary Gorman,	"		100.00
do. do.	"		300.00
Harriet S. Packard,	"	endorsed	200.00
Mary C. Willis,	"		425.00
Mary Dunbar,	"		210.00
Hilliard E. Kingman,	"		150.00
James Keenan,	"		120.00
Mary Fitzpatrick,	"		100.00
Calvin A. Marshall,	"		300.00
Fred A. Britton,	"		200.00
Caroline F. Hill,	"		300.00
Patrick Dugan,	"		200.00
Harriet N. Spaulding,	"		100.00
Harriet S. Packard,	"		800.00
Benjamin F. Macomber,	"		50.00
Lydia D. Bracket,	"		150.00
Edwin G. Goward,	"		100.00
Cornelius Sigler,	"		200.00
Laban W. Drake,	"		50.00
Margaret Hammell,	"		34.00
Eliza J. Hammell,	"		31.50
Ellen Bean,	"		50.00
Henry M. Gill,	"		200.00
Seth Ramsdell,	"		200.00
John Kimball,	2 notes		1,250.00
Horace D. Howard,	4 "		900,00
B. A. Howard,	3 "		1,700.00
First Nat. Bank, Easton,	6 "		4,000 00
Balance in the Treasury,			5,154.09
			$49,244.97

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By balance in Treasury, March 1, 1865,			$1,743.68
State reimbursement for aid to families of volunt'rs,			4,985.60
School Fund,			158.42
Incorporated stock tax,			7,892.57
Timothy G. Marshall, aid to J. W. Marshall,			15.00
Assessors' return of taxes, 1865,			26,295.95
Received money deposited with State Treasurer, for recruiting purposes,			1,200.00
Received of Dighton and Somerset Railroad, for land taken from Town Farm,			20.00
Received of Caleb Swan,			135.00
" Plymouth,			83.25
" from Town Farm,			150.00
" " " Liquor Agent,			100.00
" " Mary Gorman,	on loan,		100.00
" " First National Bank, Easton,	"		4,000.00
" " Bridget McKeon,	"		200.00
" " Lewis R. Randall,	"		200.00
" " Chas. L. Britton,	"		600.00
" " Patrick Dugan,	"		200.00
" " Emery Goward,	"		200.00
" " Fred. A. Britton,	"		100.00
" " Matthew Hamilton,	"		100.00
" " Jane H. Wilbar,	"		100.00
" " Eliza J. Hammell,	"		31.50
" " Margaret Hammell,	"		34 00
" " Harriet S. Packard,	"		600.00
			$49,244.97

JOHN KIMBALL, *Treasurer.*

CONDITION OF THE TREASURY.

Feb. 1st, 1866.

Unpaid notes,	12,520.00
Due Francis Dunbar,	250.00
" Parish,	60.00
" Salem,	7.00
	$12,837.00

ASSETS.

Cash and uncollected taxes, in the hands of the Treasurer,	5,154 69
Due from State for aid to families of volunteers,	3,061.39
" " Plymouth,	22.00
" " Canton,	142.00
" " Boston,	2.00
" " Raynham,	21.35
" " Beverly,	11.17
	8,414.00
	$4,423.00

LIST OF DEATHS IN 1865.

No.	Date.	Name.	Age—yrs.	mos.	days.	Disease.
1	Jan. 11th.	Villa Lincoln,		6	9	lung fever.
2	11th.	Peter Donahue,	5	4	3	phrenitis
3	25th.	Hugh H. Callahan,		5	12	hooping cough.
4	25th.	Timothy Blackman,	80			old age.
5	29th.	Thomas Shepard,	71	3		phthisis.
6	Feb. 5th.	Macy Randall,	80	1	7	paralysis of brain.
7	Mar. 3d.	Ellen McCourt,	2	11	12	lung fever.
8	10th.	Johannah Sweeney,			10	
9	12th.	Sally B. Packard,	73			consumption.
10	13th.	Henry Sloan,		2	13	lung fever.
11	April 1st.	Mary J. Brown,	40		4	phthisis.
12	22d.	Hannah L. Howard,	14	5	8	consumption.
13	25th.	Mary Heffernan,	72			pneumonia.
14	26th.	Catharine Dugan,	30			typhus fever.
15	29th.	Edward Riley,			4	malfor'tion of heart.
16	May 1st.	John Pool,	94	11	19	old age.
17	5th.	Thomas Healey, 2d,	25			phthisis.
18	11th.	Mary A. Carney,	18			phthisis.
19	June 6th.	Sidney Whiting,	52	6		lung disease.
20	19th.	Simeon Woodward,	70			phthisis dropsy.
21	23d.	Mary Luny,	55			kidney disease.
22	26th.	Delia M. Phillips,	32		3	typhoid fever.
23	July 2d.	Benjamin Seymour,	78	4	8	consumption.
24	14th.	Isaac S. Pratt,	16	11	1	accident.
25	14th.	Henry Martin,			2	monition.

No.	Date.	Name.	Age—yrs.	mos.	days.	Disease.
26	July 25th.	Emily J. Dean,			26	spinal disease.
27	Aug. 4th.	Hannah Callaher,	25			phthisis.
28	15th.	Mary A. Foley,		9	15	tub'lar meningitus.
29	17th.	Edwd. J. W. Morse,	56	4	7	congestion of brain.
30	20th.	Mary Pool,	89	4		consumption.
31	20th.	James Soughrue,	1	6		teething.
32	20th.	Lawrence L. Drake.		7	28	cholera infantum.
33	23d.	Sally W. Dailey,	40		24	phthisis.
34	25th.	Fannie B. Porter,		7	12	cholera infantum.
35	27th.	Mary E. Fountain,	27	7	27	ulcerated throat.
36	27th.	Lizzie Willis,	1	3	17	cholera infantum.
37	Sept. 6th.	David Middleton,	67			phthisis.
38	9th.	Fred. D. King,	14	8	21	typhoid fever.
39	11th.	Mary Jarvis,	88	10	10	semile debility.
40	12th.	John Pool Jr.,	69	8		dropsy of heart.
41	18th.	James Dickerman,	73	9	26	paralysis.
42	20th.	Franklin H. Drake,	6	5	27	scrofula.
43	23d.	William Creeden,	40			dysentery.
44	23d.	Mary Middleton,	52			carcinoma.
45	23d.	Arthur F. Holmes,	13		20	typhoid fever.
46	27th.	Edward Cassidy,	1	2		cholera infantum.
47	28th.	Daniel Creeden,	1		15	dysentery.
48	Oct. 1st.	Joshua Williams,	94	3	6	old age.
49	6th.	Cornelius Dineen,	77			diarrhœa.
50	11th.	Michael Linehan,	5	3		kidney disease.
51	16th.	Caroline F. Gilman,	39	5	10	phthisis.
52	18th.	Andrew J. Leighton,	35	9	10	spinal memorytis.
53	19th.	Leon Monk,		9	6	diarrhœa.
54	26th.	Margaret Donahue,	28			phthisis.
55	28th.	John E. McEntee,	1	2	13	acule memorytis.
56	Nov. 3d.	Nettie A. Fobes,	2	6	1	dysentery.
57	8th.	Susan Faddin,	63	7		pleurisy.
58	8th.	John Donahue,		1	11	consumption.
59	13th.	Daniel Riordon,	30	5		consumption.
60	Dec. 2d.	Horatio Copeland,	69	9	1	hermalarion.
61	3d.	Martha O'Brien,	12			disease of brain.
62	14th.	Matthew Flaherty,	23			phthisis.
63	16th.	Abigail Randall,	84	8	3	old age.
64	26th.	Fred'k. J. Woodbury,	10	5		typhoid fever.
65	26th.	——— Twohig,			1	

LIQUOR AGENCY.

Dr. FRANCIS DUNBAR, *Agent*, In Account with Town of EASTON. Cr.

To Liquors on hand, March 1st, 1865,	137.06	By amount of Liquors on hand, Feb. 1st, 1866,	195.26
" Liquors purchased,	995.58	" Cask and measures,	10.00
" Agent's salary,	41.66	" Amount of Liquors sold,	1162.77
" Profit,	193.73		
	$1,368.03		$1,368.03

Dr. FRANCIS DUNBAR, Liquor Agency, CASH ACCOUNT. Cr.

To cash on hand, March 1st, 1865,	76.03	By cash paid for Liquors,	995.58
" Liquors sold,	1,162.77	" " " " Liquor Agent,	41.66
" Casks sold,	3.00	" " " " License,	25.00
		" " " " Blank Book,	1.25
	$1,241.80	" " on hand,	178.31
			$1,241.80

Easton, Feb. 1st, 1866.

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF EASTON,

For the year 1865-6.

TAUNTON
C. A. HACK & SON PRINTERS
1866

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

For the year 1865-6.

H. J. FULLER, *Chairman and Secretary.*
CHRISTOPHER C. HUSSEY,
GEORGE G. WITHINGTON.

TEACHERS EMPLOYED.

District.		Summer.	Winter.
No. 1.		Lucy Mansfield,	Richmond Selee, and J. Herbert Leonard.
" 2.		Annie M. Randall,	
" 3.		Etta H. Gilmore,	Hannah A. Williams,
" 4.		Maria Tolman,	Maria Q. Adams,
" 5.		Laurana I. Wilber,	Abbie A. Sweet,
" 6.		Carrie H. Kingsbury,	Katie A. Whiting,
" 7.	Gram. Dep.	O. B. Stone,	
	Inter. "	Mary R. Packard,	
	Prim. "	Mrs. O. B. Stone,	—Ass't, E. Sampson, [and L. Randall.
" 8.			
" 9.		Esther M. Simmons.	
" 10.		Almira J. Simmons,	J. B. Poole,
" 11.		Sarah E. Torrey,	Emma Thompson.

REPORT.

GENTLEMEN:—Agreeably to the "Form of the Statute in such case made and provided," your Committee respectfully submit the following Report of the condition of the Public Schools in town, for the school year, 1865-6.

The following items are taken from the returns of 1864. Relative to the amount of money appropriated to the schools, Easton ranks as the 182d town in the state, and ninth in the county; to the percentage of valuation (2 35-100 mills) as the 56th in the state and second in this county; to the percentage of attendance, as the 64th in the state and third in this county.

For further information see the following detailed reports, general remarks and statistical table.

FIRST DIVISION.

DISTRICT No. 1.

Summer Teacher—Miss Lucy Mansfield.

Winter Teachers { Mr. Richmond Selee.
Mr. J. Herbert Leonard.

The Summer Term of this district was characterized by a fair degree in advancement in scholarship, general propriety of deportment, and a quite satisfactory appearance at the closing examination. The winter term gave much promise at its commencement, under the charge of an able and experienced teach-

er; but was interrupted, after three weeks' duration, by his sudden illness and decease. Afterwards commenced by Mr. Leonard, also favorably known in his vocation; the school bids fair, though yet unfinished, to fulfill the promise of the beginning. The committee would here express an appreciation of the ability and faithfulness of Mr. Richmond Selee, as an instructor, to which our schools have borne frequent witness.

District No. 4.

Summer Teacher—Miss Maria Tolman.

Winter Teachers { Miss Maria Tolman, Miss Maria Q. Adams.

The Summer School gave much satisfaction in the District, and the prospects of the Winter Term were equally flattering, until the withdrawal of Miss Tolman, who had resumed her labors. But we are sorry to report a subsequent decline, not attributable to any fault or deficiency on the part of her successor, but to an apparent prejudice and factious spirit of opposition in school and district; the existence of which affords the principal ground for criticism of the previous management. The closing examination was, under the circumstances, very creditable to the skill and patience of the teacher.

District No. 5.

Summer Teacher—Miss Laurana I. Wilbar.

Winter Teachers, { Miss Laurana I. Wilbar, Miss Abbie A. Sweet.

A similar unfortunate interruption occurred here in the Winter Term, as in districts 1 and 4. The school was continued for four weeks by Miss Sweet, successfully so far as the committee are aware, but closed unexpectedly before the day appointed for examination, without notice, or sufficient reason given.

District No. 11.

Summer Teacher—Miss Sarah E. Torrey.
Winter Teacher—Miss Emma Thompson.

This school in both deportment and scholarship takes high rank, its one defect being the inadequacy of a single teacher, however capable and energetic, to meet the demands of so large a number of pupils and make the instruction as thorough and exact as it should be. We think the duty has been well performed by the teachers selected. A difficulty which threatened to disturb the harmony of the winter term was happily surmounted and we have confidence that it will continue prosperous to the close.

GEO. G. WITHINGTON, *Sub-Committee.*

SECOND DIVISION.

District No. 3.

This school was under the care of Miss Etta Gilmore, during the Summer Term, and of Miss Hannah Williams, during the Winter. The general state and amount of progress in scholarship have been satisfactory. In the early part of the summer term, there was a slight disposition to insubordination, which lowered somewhat the standard of order; but it soon passed away, and the school at the close of both terms, appeared well in all respects.

District No. 6.

This school has been under the care of Miss Kingsbury, for the Summer Term, and Miss Whiting for the Winter. It continues to maintain the high standing it has had of late, for good deportment and studious habits. The school for the last few terms has been small, which would tend to lessen the interest and ambition of the scholars, and this makes the good conduct and amount of progress more deserving the commendation before given, and which we again gladly repeat.

District No. 7.

The Primary School of this district has been, most of the year, under the care of Mrs. Stone, who was succeeded by Miss Hathaway. Mrs. Stone's resignation was a matter of regret to the committee, so well, and satisfactorily, had she filled the place. But we are happy to say, that we were so fortunate in her successor, that the school continues to be all that its friends can reasonably expect, or desire. The committee congratulate the parents in this district, that they have so good a place to which to send their children, as this school is under the care of Miss Hathaway.

Miss Etta Sampson, now Mrs. Geo. Andrews, was assistant during a part of the year, giving perfect satisfaction. Miss Lucy E. Randall, took her place, who also gives satisfaction.

District No. 8.

The school here, has been through the year under the care of Miss Fobes of Norton, who has discharged the duties of her position faithfully, and conscientiously, winning the respect and affection of her pupils. The excellent deportment, and the more than usual interest, and co-operation of the parents, and friends, in this district, have given to the school a high standing, and we are glad to repeat in another report, the words of commendation, which have been previously used. There have been fewer changes of teachers in this school for the last two or three years than before, and the effect of this, as in every case, has been beneficial. Suggested by this, we would say again what we have said *before*, that frequent change of teachers in schools which are not annual, and under the district system, is highly detrimental to the advancement of the pupils, and to the general interest of education, and in all cases in which it is avoided, the advantage is apparent.

C. C. HUSSEY, *Sub-Committee.*

THIRD DIVISION.

District No. 2.

Both terms of the school were taught by Miss Annie M. Randall, of Easton. Entire devotion to the interests of the school bore its usual fruits; commendable progress was made in most branches of study. Excepting some of the younger pupils, good order generally prevailed.

The school-house and its fixtures are wholly unfit for use; and the wonder is that anything can be accomplished amid such untoward circumstances. We hope the good people of the district will join the rest of the town in a movement for something better.

District No. 7.

Notwithstanding several favorable offers to go elsewhere, Mr. O. B. Stone still continues the able and efficient instructor in the Grammar Department of this school. In him we have a good and faithful servant, doing his work well and in earnest. Improvement in the standard of deportment and scholarship is constant and decided. Let us keep such teachers in our schools as long as possible; it is wise economy. The excellencies of the school are too well known, to need extended remarks.

Prior to the removal from the old building, Mrs. O. B. Stone had charge of the intermediate department. It is sufficient to say, that her school was a model of perfection in all respects. After its removal to the new room, Miss Mary R. Packard, became teacher; an accomplished and successful instructor. Unfortunately her labors were interrupted by sickness, and her place temporarily supplied by others. Under such circumstances but little could be accomplished, and the school has lost, in a measure, its former healthy tone of study and discipline. This room does not seem to answer the purposes of a school-room so well as it promised. It is too small and too low in the walls. Its capacity for air and sound is very defective. We hope it will be used only, as intended, for a temporary expedient.

District No. 9.

Both terms taught by Miss Esther M. Simmons, of North Bridgewater. This is one of the best school-houses in town, possessing suitable blackboards and apparatus. We are glad to be able to speak in favorable terms of the school. While we cannot point out any very prominent excellence, the general tone and aspect of the school were satisfactory. The deportment of the school has continued to improve from the commencement, and at our last visit to the school, which is still in session, was very excellent. The teacher has labored faithfully and conscientiously, and we have no doubt her efforts will be profitable to the district.

District No. 10.

Teachers, Miss Almira J. Simmons, and Mr. J. B. Poole, of East Abington. The Summer term did not amount to much. This, however, was in no manner chargeable to the teacher. Her qualifications and natural aptitude for teaching are of a superior kind. The school suffered very much from truancy. The teacher did not receive the moral support and encouragement from the inhabitants of the district, absolutely essential to success. Many uncharitable and thoughtless remarks were made very much in detriment to the usefulness of the school. Discussion of the merits or demerits of a school, (a practice by no means confined to this district) ought in all cases to be avoided during the session, more especially in the presence of the pupils. A single careless word will not unfrequently ruin the moral and intellectual atmosphere of the school-room. The winter term, which at this time of writing, is but little more than half through, seems to have commenced under more favorable auspices, and bids fair to be a useful and profitable session.

H. J. FULLER, *Sub-Committee.*

Fellow Citizens:—The past scholastic year does not afford as satisfactory results as many former years. We have tried the experiment of lessening the cost of the public schools, and the effort has in no small degree, proved abortive. Without specifying in detail the apparent evils that have fallen out in many of our schools, the past year, it would seem quite certain, that, under the present system, no material diminution of the amount of former appropriations to the schools, is compatible with their interest and prosperity. So long as the town blindly insists upon maintaining schools in *eleven districts*, we are at an utter loss to discover any means of safely decreasing the expense. Now it costs as much to furnish a school for a dozen or twenty children as it need to one for sixty. But the cost is only a single item. To us, the system is the fruitful source of evil, and that continually. We have no ground to hope for more beneficial results from our schools so long as we cling to the system. It is full of rottenness; the sooner we lay aside our prejudices and cast it out, the better. The magnitude and prime importance of this question in the educational policy of the town, justify us in devoting considerable space to its discussion, especially as you are again called upon to decide it. We therefore offer the following *resume* of the evils attending the system condensed and quoted, for the most part, from the annual reports of the Secretary of the Board of Education.

1. The district system stands in the way of a more perfect organization of the schools.

2. It does not secure so high an order of instructors as the town system.

3. Under this system there is a more frequent change of teachers than under the other.

4. It perpetuates a class of school-houses utterly unfit for use—several of which still remain in our town, a standing reproach to the common sense of the people who suffer them to exist.

5. It is the occasion of unjust distinctions in respect to school privileges between the children of the town.

6. The district is much more expensive in proportion to what it accomplishes, than the opposite system.

(*a*) Because contracts are made and the money is expended by agents who are not chosen by the town and have no responsibility to it.

(*b*) Because the process of subdivision under it has been carried so far that a number of schools are allowed to exist which are too small to be of any practical value.

7. This system with its cumbrous machinery of town and prudential committees, and a divided jurisdiction, is the source of more violations of the school laws than all other causes combined.

8. To these and other causes must be attributed the disagreements and often open contentions which are constantly accruing to retard the progress and diminish the usefulness of the schools and sometimes to break them up altogether. We are constrained to add the testimony of experience.

Mr. Mann says:

"I consider the law authorizing towns to divide themselves into districts, the most unfortunate law, on the subject of common schools, ever enacted in this state."

Mr. Boutwell says:

"I entered upon the duties of the office I now hold with some faith in the district system; my observation and experience have destroyed that faith entirely. It is a system admirably calculated to secure poor schools, incompetent teachers, consequent waste of public money."

Mr. White, the present Secretary, speaking in reference to graded schools, says:

"This brings us face to face with that feature in our school system, which, more than all others, stands full in the way of further advance, not only in respect to the matter under consideration, but to nearly every other. I need not say that I refer to the school district system. The opinions which I entertain on this subject have been formed after years of experience and observation, as pupil, teacher, and member of the school committee, in the city and in the country. I do not overstate when I assert that whenever the experiment [of abolishing the school districts] has been fairly tried it has been most satisfactory, and no persuasion could induce the people to return to their old system."

Such are some of the evils inherent in the system itself. To all of these, as well as many other, this town is peculiarly obnoxious. All of the schools except one, are so small as to preclude any attempt at grading and systematic arrangement. Every term finds a new teacher in the school-room, who remains

barely long enough to get a little insight into the wants and capacities of the pupils; no matter how worthy, but little can be accomplished. Great disparity exists in the standing and scholarship of our schools. Two of the schools, that have enjoyed greater advantages, are not a little in advance of the others. Such differences will necessarily obtain under the present arrangement.

The argument in favor of this decayed system—"miniature democracy," "loss of liberty," &c.—are too specious, too utterly foolish, to demand a moment's consideration. Why longer cling to this great stumbling block in the way of our schools? Let us be instructed by the voice of reason and experience, and abolish the system at once; not wait till we are compelled to do it by a general law on the subject. The number of schools in town might be readily reduced to five. Suppose, by way of example, that the town was divided by a line drawn north and south through the centre, the eastern half divided into three equal sections and the western into two, with a school-house centrally located in each section—scholars to attend the school nearest their residence. Under such an arrangement we should have but five schools to support; three of them at least could be fully and thoroughly graded; the amount of money now appropriated to the schools would suffice for nine or ten months with permanent first class instructors, the average cost of educating each scholar would be reduced from 20 cents per week to about 12 1-2 cents; probably not more than a dozen families in town would live over a mile from the school, while nearly all would be much nearer. Such an arrangement would not, of course, be made at once. The change should be gradual. Possibly it might be made in the western half of the town immediately. Why not give the municipal system a fair trial? If then we become dissatisfied with it, we shall have full and ample power to restore the district system. Most certainly we owe it to our self-respect, to the wealth and social position of this town, to adopt some decided measures, looking to the improvement and elevation of our schools, now seriously threatening to fall far behind the standard of common school education in this commonwealth.

We regret to learn that several cases have occurred of persons calling at the school houses, during the sessions, for the purpose of interfering with the discipline and regulations of the school. We desire respectfully to suggest that such intermeddling will, in no case, be tolerated. If anything of the kind occurs again, the committe will deem it their duty to enforce the following provision of the statutes:

"Whoever wilfully interrupts or disturbs any *school* or other assembly met for a lawful purpose, shall be punished by imprisonment in the jail not exceeding thirty days, or by fine not exceeding fifty dollars." Gen. St. c. 165 Sec. 23.

By Statute of 1850, '54, & '59, (subsequently re-enacted in Gen. St. c. 42 Secs. 4--6) cities and towns were authorized in all cases, in which they saw fit, to "make all needful regulations and arrangements concerning habitual truants, and children not attending school," and to enforce the same with suitable penalties. Recent legislation has made a material change in the law, and towns are now—not simply authorized—but *required* to make all "needful provisions and regulations" &c. We quote the statutes:

"An act concerning Truant children and Absentees from school:"

"Sec. 1. Each city and *town* shall make all needful provisions and arrangements concerning habitual truants, and also concerning children wandering about in the streets or public places of any city or town, having no lawful occupation or business, not attending school, and growing up in ignorance between the ages of seven and sixteen years; and shall also make all such by-laws respecting such children as shall be deemed most conducive to their welfare and the good order of such city or town; and there shall be annexed to such by-laws suitable penalties not exceeding twenty dollars, for any one breach: *Provided*, that said by-laws shall be approved by the Superior Court sitting in any county of the Commonwealth.

"Sec. 2. Any minor convicted of being an habitual truant, or any child convicted of wandering about in the streets or public places of any city or town, having no lawful occupation or business, not attending school, and growing up in ignorance, between the ages of seven and sixteen years, may at the discretion of the justice or court having jurisdiction of the case, instead of the fine mentioned in the first section, be committed to any such institution of instruction, house of reformation, or suitable situation provided for the purpose, under the authority of the first section, for such time, not exceeding two years, as such justice or court may determine." St. 1862, c. 207.—App. April 30, 1862. "The several cities and towns shall appoint at the annual meetings of such towns, or annually by the mayor and aldermen of such cities, three or more persons, who alone shall be authorized, in case of violation of such by-laws, to make the complaint and carry into execution the judgments thereon." Gen. St. c. 42, Sec. 5, as amended by St. 1862, c. 21, Sec. 2.

A subsequent act was passed in the year 1863, Chap. 44, giving jurisdiction of these offences to police judges and trial justices in their respective counties. In accordance with our duty under these acts, we submit the following By-laws, and recommend the town to adopt them, and appoint some suitable person to procure the approval of the Superior Court.

By-Law 1. Any of the persons described in the first section of an "Act concerning Truant children and Absentees from School," passed on the thirtieth day of April, in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two, upon conviction of any offence therein described, shall be punished by fine not exceeding twenty dollars, or by confinement in one of the State Reform Schools for a term not exceeding two years; and in default of payment of said fine shall be committed to the house of correction.

By-Law 2. One of the State Reform Schools is here-by assigned and provided as the institution of instruction, house of reformation or suitable situation mentioned in the second section of said act.

By-Law 3. To prevent any child from being unjustly deemed a truant, or absentee, the parent or guardian of each child, in all cases of necessary absence, shall previously, if possible, or at the earliest opportunity afterward, inform the teacher, by note, or in person, of such necessary absence.

By-Law 4. The town shall elect at its annual meetings, three persons, to be called Commissioners of Truant Children, who shall hold their office for one year and who alone shall be authorized in case of violation of these By-laws, to make the complaint and carry into execution the judgments thereon; and as compensation for their services, shall receive the usual taxable fees in like cases.

By-Law 5. The School Committee shall have the general charge and superintendence of the doings of the commissioners, who shall in all cases be subject to the orders of said committee.

It appears by the returns of the assessors that there are in the town 693 families, and that its population is 3084. In such case the law requires, with a heavy penalty in case of non-compli-

ance, that the town "*shall*" support a "High School" in which certain specified branches shall be taught. That law is the result of a wisdom, and a regard to the best interests of all. For two or three years past we have been reported by the Board of Education; in default in this matter. That the general matter of education in the town, in consequence of the non-compliance with the law, suffers, in comparison with most New England towns, is a fact that has become apparent to observation. It is a fact that touches closely the moral and material welfare of the community. But we desist from discussing the advantage or need of such a school. *That* was settled long ago. The law *now* imposes the duty upon us. We are aware, as fully stated last year, of the great difficulty of locating such a school, so as to be of equal benefit to the various parts of the town. Yet we would respectfully urge that this difficulty would be no defense to an indictment, and that it ought not to deter, longer, from action. Nevertheless, in our judgment reformation of our common schools is of far greater inportance, indeed, absolutely essential, in order that our children may be fitted to enter upon the grade of a high school.

H. J. FULLER, *for the Committee.*

STATISTICAL TABLE.

DISTRICT.	Children between 5 and 15 years.	Length of school in weeks.	Whole number of scholars.	Scholars over 15.	Scholars under 5.	Average attendance.	Teachers wages per month.	Amount money assigned district.	Cost of each scholar per week.
1. Summer.	61	12	59	4	2	52	$23.	$242.04	$.097+
Winter.*		12	64	5	1	—	46.		.179+
2. Summer.	44	13	39	1	6	30.3	20.	205.22	.128+
Winter.		15	43	4	1	30.79	30.		.174+
3. Summer.	34	12	33	2	0	25.3	24.	183.56	.181+
Winter.		12	29	3	0	26.6	30.		.258+
4. Summer.	28	12	32	1	0	29.	28.	170.57	.218+
Winter.		10	38	1	0	35.7	28.40		.186+
5. Summer.	38	12	34	1	0	28.3	24.	192.23	.176+
Winter.		13	33	1	0	28.6	28.		.212+
6. Summer.	18	12	15	0	1	14.1	20.	148.92	.333+
Winter.		12	21	4	0	16.1	26.		.309+
7. Summer.	272	12	264	8	0	227.8	152.	918.85	.143+
Winter.		14	263	10	0	197.3	172.		.163+
8. Summer.	52	15 3/5	55	1	0	43.	24.	222.54	.108+
Winter.*		16	53	1	0	——	28.		.132+
9. Summer.	28	12	30	2	0	23.9	23.	170.57	.191+
Winter.*		12	35	6	2	30.2	29.		.207+
10. Summer.	33	12	36	4	0	27.8	25.	181.38	.173+
Winter.*		12	25	1	1	——	45.		.45
11. Summer.	52	12	59	4	0	53.	28.50	222.54	.120+
Winter.		12	49	7	0	47.	36.		.183+
Total,	660	276 3/5						2858.42	†.196+

*Unfinished. †Average.

NAMES OF SCHOLARS,

Who have not been absent or tardy during a term.

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An asterisk prefixed, points out the names of those who thus distinguished themselves in both terms.

District No. 1.

Jennie A. Hayward,
Sarah F. Howard,
*Cora M. Frost,
Annie F. Drew,
Luthera M. Mitchel,
Laura E. White,
Eva L. Willis,
Charles D. Simpson,
Henry F. Frost,
Henry Macomber,
Charles W. Snell.

District No. 2.

Helen L. Clapp,
*Mary J. Mansfield,
Lizzie L. Reed.

District No. 3.

Emma J. Randall,
Eveline A. Drake,
Lucy A. Heath,
Ella F. Howard,
Elmina Howard,
Ella A. Poole,
Luthera E. Pratt,
Lyman F. Dean,
Charles F. Howard,
George T. Howard,
Charles R. Hunt,
George W. Hunt,
Frank C. Pratt,
George W. Poole,
Arthur Poole,
Charles J. Wade,
Franklin C. Wade.

District No. 4.

*Hattie Williams,
*Katie Williams,
*Nellie M. Williams,
*Lois E. Gardner,
*Maria Drew,
Susie Williams,
*Edgar L. Williams,
*Ellis H. Williams,
*Clifton Williams,
Samuel Gardner,
George H. Henshaw,
*Granville Williams,
Ira F. Gardner,
Martin Henshaw,
John E. Williams,
Jesse Williams.

District No. 5.

*Hattie E. Fuller,
*Mary E. Nelson,
Phebe J. Reed,
Nellie A. Rollins,
Alphonso F. Fuller,
*Charles W. Evans,
Freddie F. Fuller,
Fremont Nelson.

District No. 6.

Georgia Packard,
*Abbie H. Buck,
Lizzie F. Britton,
Elma M. Buck,
Dwelly Smith,
George Smith,
William M. Packard,
Warren B. Wilson.

District No. 7.

*Jeanette Russell,
Lizzie Baisdell,
*Jennie Warner,
*Mary Randall,
*Vesta Sampson,
Louisa Thayer,
*Inez Reed,
Ida Phillips,
*Mary Higginbottom,
Margaret Coulin,
Maria Ames,
Florence Berry,
Eliza Roberts,
Katie McGinty,
*Francis Higginbottom,
Hattie Willis,
*George Andrews,
George Standish,
Augustus Osgood,
*Eddie Elliott,
Charles Higginbottom,
Frederick Lake,
Frank Phillips,
Howard Standish,
John McCarty,
Willie Coulin,
*Charles Phillips,
Thomas Conley,
David Helan,
Thomas Rigney.

District No. 8.

Hattie Holmes,
Emily J. Marshall,
Ella Tinkham,
Lenora Dickerman,
Lydia Bird,
Mary Dickerman,
Charles Dickerman,
Charles Wade.

District No. 9.

*Alice M. Drake,
*Charles T. Dailey,
George W. Morse.

District No. 10.

Dora F. Smith,
Emmaletta E. Smith,
Amelia A. Keith,
Walter Nye,
*Alphonzo Gooch,
*Athel E. Gooch,
Oscar B. Randall,
Frank P. Keith,
DeRoise J. Smith,
Everett C. Randall,
James B. Smith,
William H. Smith.

District No. 11.

Cynthia Britton,
Wealthy Bonney,
*Minnie C. Belcher,
Mannetta A. Cobbett,
Emma K. Cobbett,
Amelia C. Hayward,
Frances A. Manahan
Lizzie A. Phillips,
Carrie E. Williams,
Lucy A. Goward,
Mary McKeon,
Mary Fitzpatrick,
Lizzie Fitzpatrick,
Maggie Fitzpatrick,
Lizzie A. Phillips,
Charles F. Belcher,
Eugene C. Belcher,
Eddie F. Belcher,
Frank L. Britton,
Lewis F. Cobbett,
Granville A. Hayward,
Clarence A. Hayward,
Herbert C. Sisson,
Nathaniel L. Newcomb,
Francis H. Newcomb,
William F. Belcher,
Frank E. King,
William Willis,
Edgar F. Belcher.

REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN, TREASURER,

ASSESSORS,

AND

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF EASTON,

For the year ending February 1st, 1867.

TAUNTON:
C. A. HACK & SON, PRINTERS, 7 UNION BLOCK,
1867.

REPORT

Of Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor.

The following Report of the financial condition of the town February 1, 1867, is respectfully submitted.

ALMSHOUSE ESTABLISHMENT.

Account of Stock at Almshouse Feb. 1, 1867.

14 1-2 tons English hay,	$435.00	
3 " meadow "	36.00	
1-2 " straw,	8.00	
1 horse,	90.00	
2 oxen,	240.00	
8 cows,	360.00	
1 yearling,	20.00	
4 swine,	60.00	
9 fowls,	9.00	
45 bushels corn,	60.75	
5 " rye,	6.75	
20 " oats,	16.00	
6 " meal,	7.86	
2 1-2 " beans,	7.50	
70 " potatoes,	52.50	
26 " french turnips,	13.00	
272 lbs. bacon,	38.08	
333 " pork,	44.95	
400 " beef,	48.00	
55 " butter,	24.75	
67 " lard,	10.72	
70 " candles,	11.20	
50 " dried apples,	7.50	
1 bbl. flour,	16.75	
1 " apples,	4.00	
7 " cider,	42.00	
52 gals. vinegar,	15.60	
40 " soap,	6.00	
Groceries,	5.36	
		$1,697.27

EXPENDITURES OF ALMSHOUSE.

Paid for groceries,	116.40	
" flour,	153.12	
" grain,	220.31	
" salt,	16.80	
" meat and fish,	31.10	
" soap,	13.74	
" clothing and bedding,	149.88	
" furniture,	29.29	
" labor on farm,	121.06	
" farming tools,	42.28	
" repairs on buildings,	6.26	
" grass and garden seeds,	14.58	
" blacksmithing,	12 72	
" stock,	285.50	
" making cider,	14.96	
" medicine and medical aid,	21.29	
" carriage hire,	2.30	
" burials,	8.00	
" town farm tax,	34.78	
" miscellaneous,	11.27	
Due Francis Dunbar, Warden, for 12 mo. service,	383.33	
Hay, stock, &c., on hand, Feb. 1, 1866,	1,675.55	
		$3,364.49

RECEIPTS OF ALMSHOUSE.

1013 1-2 lbs. butter,	488.99	
Milk,	137.28	
Calves,	61.87	
Hides,	5.61	
Vinegar and cider,	173.02	
Eggs,	27.75	
Potatoes and turnips,	72.97	
Soap grease,	1.90	
Straw braid,	75.07	
Hay,	85.81	
Work done for individuals,	113.02	
Grain,	2.60	
Lard,	20.27	
Meat,	39.31	
Apples,	65.45	
Old iron,	5.06	
Use of lockup,	2.00	
Candles,	2.66	
		1,380.64

Amount brought over,	1,380.64	
Stock,	303.28	
Use of hearse for 24 funerals in town,	24.00	
" " " " 5 " out of "	12.50	
Hay, stock, &c., on hand, Feb. 1. 1867,	1,697.27	
		$3,417.69

Receipts of Almshouse,	3,417.69
Expenditures,	3,364.49
Balance in favor of Almshouse,	53.20

INMATES OF ALMSHOUSE.

	Age.	Weeks.		Age.	Weeks.
Daniel Howard,	72	52	Almah Dickerman,	20	28
Otis French,	69	52	Ella A. Dickerman,	15	50
Asa Drake,	52	52	Ellen M. Torrey,	10	41
George Wade,	26	52	Amos Wade,	50	7
Bradley F. Murphy,	10	52	Ziba Wade,	56	9
Nathaniel H. Murphy,	9	52	George Quinby,	67	2
Frederic E. Murphy,	4	52	Noah White,	12	7
Judson Gilbert, died,	84	40	Agnes G. Phillips,	12	5
James H. H. Torry,	12	42	Ellen Torry,	28	13
Rebecca Allen,	66	42			

Admitted the past year,	4	Now in Almshouse,	15
Discharged,	3	Males,	11
Transient paupers,	16	Females,	4

Average number for the year, 12 32-52

The income of the farm the past year, paid the expenses of the Almshouse and left a balance of fifty-three dollars and twenty cents.

EXPENSE OF POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

North Bridgewater,	aid to	Ellen Torrey,	3.00	
East Bridgewater,	"	Amos Wade,	22.50	
Raynham,	"	Zachary Drake,	38.51	
Samuel Jones,	"	" "	64.75	
Hannah French,	"	Sidney French,	42.50	
Timothy G. Marshall,	"	" "	20.00	
J. Barrows,	"	Lusanna Randall,	10.00	
Salem,	"	Zibeon Terril,	24.50	
				225.76

Amount brought forward,				225.76	
Larnard Williams,	Aid to	Julia Murphy,		8.00	
Edward R. Hayward,	"	"	"	22.50	
Francis E. Gilmore,	"	Solomon Stone,		13.00	
Lucius Howard,	"	"	"	7.50	
J. S. Drake,	"	Peter Nelson,		25.00	
" "	"	Silas Shaw,		4.00	
John T. Kimball,	"	"	"	7.50	
" "	"	Daniel Hersey,		60.72	
" "	"	Ellen Torrey,		2.82	
" "	"	George W. Drake,		6.27	
" "	"	Betsey Smith,		8.00	
" "	"	Peter Nelson,		120.00	
" "	"	James Allen,		3.95	
John H. Adams,	"	"	"	40.00	
George Copeland,	"	Nancy Wade,		4.00	
" "	"	Eveline Legro,		4.00	
H. W. Howard,	"	"	"	8.00	
" "	"	Nancy Wade,		8.18	
" "	"	Leonard Ayers,		8.00	
Welcome Dunbar,	"	"	"	26.00	
" "	"	Eveline Legro,		16.00	
State Nautical School,	"	Davis Wade,		6.50	
State Lunatic Hospital,	"	John W. Marshall,		198.13	
" " "	"	James Allen,		60.86	
					894.70
Amount paid and due from other towns,					247.72
Balance,					$646.98

TOWN APPROPRIATIONS.

Public Schools,	$3,000.00	
Highways and Bridges,	2,000.00	
State Tax,	6,120.00	
County Tax,	2,108.61	
Lockup,	400.00	
Current expenses,	3,000.00	
School districts No. 9 and 10,	44.48	
Overlay,	352.37	
		$17,025.46

Valuation of the Town, May 1st, 1866.

Real Estate,	809,401	
Personal Estate,	920,228	
Total valuation,		$1,729,629
Number of polls taxed,	854	
Poll tax,	$2.00	
Rate per cent property tax,	77 cents on $100.00	

Appropriations for Schools.

Town Appropriation,	$3,000.00	
State School Fund,	174.00	
		3,174.00

Divided as follows:

District No.	1,	66	scholar,	$274.32	Cost of schools,		$230.35
" "	2,	47	"	230.48	"	"	213.25
" "	3,	33	"	198.19	"	"	186.25
" "	4,	33	"	198.19	"	"	200.80
" "	5,	34	"	200.48	"	"	177.75
" "	6,	15	"	156.66	"	"	171.00
" "	7,	296	"	1049.08	"	"	974.78
" "	8,	43	"	221.26	"	"	240.50
" "	9,	36	"	205.13	"	"	211.08
" "	10,	42	"	218.95	"	"	231.00
" "	11,	43	"	221.26	"	"	254.50
				3,174.00			3,091.26

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid John Kimball, selectman, assessor and over-		
" " " seer of poor,	75.00	
" " " use of horse and carriage,	19.68	
" " " cash expenses,	15.00	
" Horace D. Howard, selectman &c.,	56.50	
" " " use of horse and carriage	8.50	
" Joseph Barrows, selectman, &c.,	66.75	
" " " use of horse and carriage	5.30	
" John Kimball, collecting, recording and return-		
" " " ing 65 births, 43 deaths, and		
" " " 25 marriages,	29.55	
" " " for services, paying state aid to		
" " " soldiers and their families,	50.00	
" George G. Withington, school committee,	53.80	
" Christopher C. Hussey, " "	31.75	
" H. J. Fuller, " "	7.50	
" Hiram Phillips, constable,	18.50	
		$437.83

Guide boards remain same as last year.

JOHN KIMBALL,
HORACE D. HOWARD,
JOSEPH BARROWS,
} *Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor of Easton.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Town of Easton, in account with J. KIMBALL, Treasurer.

Dr. To Paid,—

Sundry town orders,			13,588.73
State tax,			6,120.00
County tax,			2,108.61
Parish for use of town hall,			60.00
Six per cent on all taxes,			901.52
Printing,			98.41
For Lockup,			374.36
Annie Haneys,		note,	160.00
Susan F. Randall,		"	200.00
O. Ames & Sons,		"	600.00
Elijah Howard,	2	"	900.00
F. M. Godfrey,		"	200.00
John Cavanaugh,		"	100.00
Langdon H. Randall,		"	200.00
Wm. S. Andrews, endorsed		"	125.00
Henry Hamilton,		"	700.00
William P. Packard,		"	100.00
Ann E. Drake,		"	55.00
Eliza J. Hammell,		"	50.00
First. Nat. Bank, Easton,	2	"	2,000.00
Harriet S. Packard, ends'd,		"	100.00
Catherine Gorman,		"	100.00
John F. Dean,		"	75.00
Mary Desmond,		"	100.00
Matthew Hamilton,	2	"	300.00
Cornelius Sigler,		"	225.00
Nancy Williams,	2	"	700.00
Daniel A. Clarke,		"	100.00
Charlotte A. Clarke,	2	"	275.00
Eunice Wilson,		"	150.00
Seth Littlefield,	2	"	400.00
Francis Leonard,	2	"	185.00
Charles L. Britton,	4	"	1,600.00
Eliza J. Packard,		"	150.00
Mary Records,		"	80.00
Fred. A. Britton,		"	100.00
Margaret Hammell,		"	50.00
Abigail Woodward,		"	80.00
Alexander W. Woodward,		"	80.00
			$33,491.63

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By balance in the Treasury, Feb. 1, 1866,	5,154.09	
Lakeville,	4.00	
Beverly,	11.18	
Boston,	2.00	
First National Bank of Easton, on loan,	2,000.00	
John F. Dean, " "	75.00	
Mary Records, " "	80.00	
School Fund,	174.00	
State reimbursment, aid of families of volunteers	2,800.00	
Incorporated stock Tax,	7175.90	
Assessors return of Taxes,	15,025,46	
Timothy G. Marshall,	15,00	
George W. Keith,	275,00	
Town Farm,	400.00	
" Liquor Agent,	300.00	
		33,491.63

JOHN KIMBALL, Treasurer.

CONDITION OF THE TREASURY, FEB. 1, 1867.

Unpaid Notes,	4,540.00	
Due Francis Dunbar,	400.00	
" Parish,	60.00	
" Raynham,	38.51	
		$5,038.51

ASSETS.

Cash and uncollected Taxes in hands of Treas.,	5,978.63	
Due from State in aid of Volunteers,	2.127.54	
" " " for Incorporated Stock Tax,	1,267.55	
" " Canton,	153.00	
" " Raynham,	21.35	
" " Newton,	60.72	
		$9,608.79

Balance in favor of the Town, $4,570.28.

LIST OF DEATHS IN 1866.

No.	Date.	Name.	Age—yrs.	mos.	ds.	Disease.
1	Jan. 1st.	Almira Talbot,	60	6	29	gall stone, jaund.
2	2d.	Richmond Selee,	32	6	3	congestion lungs.
3	6th.	Mary Packard,	86	10		old age.
4	17th.	Abner L. Cobbett,	52	10	28	typhoid fever.
5	Feb. 14th.	Catherine Healey,	8			congestion of brain.
6	20th.	John Gilmore,	2	9		lung fever.
7	Mch. 8th.	Catherine Murphy,			2	convulsions.
8	14th.	Mary Goward,	90	6		old age.
9	23d.	Mary Cronin,	1	7	19	convulsions.
10	31st.	Mary Goodwin,	1	7		heart disease.
11	Apl. 14th.	Julia Conners,	22			consumption.
12	24th.	Galen Sylvester,	74	4	9	paralysis.
13	26th.	Sally Phillips,	58	4	29	general debility.
14	28th.	Julia Lyons,			9	trismus.
15	June 1st.	Cordelia E. Fobes,	35	2		consump. of blood.
16	4th.	Susanna Randall,	86		4	old age.
17	July 2d.	Olive S. Holmes,	40		8	consumption.
18	8th.	Gideon Bartlett,	47		21	heart disease.
19	18th.	Mary C. Webb,	1	1		accute diarrhea.
20	19th.	Eleanor Clarke,	46			consumption.
21	19th.	Sarah A. Willis,		6	2	cholera infantum.
22	20th.	Michael Regan,		10	19	memb's. croup.
23	30th.	George C. Schindler,		4	2	cholera infantum.
24	31st.	Ann J. McEntee,	1	6	22	cholera infantum.
25	Aug. 2d.	Sarah L. King,	24	4	19	typhoid fever.
26	19th.	Emma Abbie Griggs,	31		27	pleurisy,
27	20th.	William Healey,	1	2		dysentery.
28	28th.	Joseph Denine.	1	4	10	dysentery.
29	Sep. 3d.	Ellen Denine,		9	4	acute meningitus.
30	17th.	Luther Sheldon,	81	8		old age.
31	25th.	Nahum C. Clapp,	1	8	3	cholera infantum.
32	Oct. 1st.	Margaret Hallahan,	1	9	18	congestion brain.
33	4th.	John McCready,	31			consumption.
34	12th.	Anna E. Reed,		9	6	disease of heart.
35	14th.	Horatio D. Morse,	25			diarrhea, cholera.
36	15th.	Mary Crockett,	50	9	26	cancer.
37	Nov. 8th.	Alex. W. Woodward,	44	10	2	phthisis.
38	10th.	Judson Gilbert,	84			old age.
39	Dec. 1st.	John Fisher.	37	6		consumption.
40	18th.	Isaac N. Wate,	69	9	7	salt rheum.
41	23d.	Parmenas Ames,	61	11		congestion lungs.
42	26th,	Patrick McConnon,	41			congestion lungs.
43	28th.	Anna Hartnett,	25			consumption.

LIQUOR AGENCY.

DR. FRANCIS DUNBAR, Agent,

In account with TOWN OF EASTON, CR.

To liquors on hand, Feb. 1st, 1866,	$195.26	By amount of liquors on hand, Feb. 1, 1867,	140.31
Liquors purchased,	1,436.06	Casks and measures,	10.00
License,	25.00	Amount of liquors sold,	1,895.23
Agent's salary	100.00		
Profit,	289.22		$2,045.54
	$2,045.54		

FRANCIS DUNBAR, Liquor Agency, CASH ACCOUNT,

To cash on hand, Feb. 1st, 1866,	78.31	By cash paid for liquors,	1,436.06
Liquors sold,	1,895.23	Agent's salary,	100.00
		License,	25.00
		Paid into town Treasury,	300.00
	$1,973.54	Cash on hand,	112.48
			$1,973.54

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE

TOWN OF EASTON,

For the year 1866-67.

TAUNTON:

C. A. HACK & SON, PRINTERS,

1867.

REPORT.

The School Committee of Easton respectfully present the following Report of the Public Schools for the School Year 1866–7 :—

C. C. HUSSEY,
GEO. G. WITHINGTON,
OLIVER AMES, 2ND,
} *School Committee.*

During the Summer Term,

Schools in Dists. Nos. 2, 4, 6, 7, were in charge of C. C. Hussey.
" " " " 7, 9, 10, " " O. Ames, 2d.
" " " " 1, 3, 5, 11, " " G. G. Withington.

TEACHERS.

Summer.	Districts.	Winter.
Emma C. Brownell.	1	Emma C. Brownell.
Nancie C. Kingman.	2	Nancie C. Kingman, Newell W. Howard.
Henrietta H. Gilmore.	3	Martha L. Hayward.
Cleora N. Ham.	4	Julia A. Packard.
Mary J. White.	5	Mary J. White.
Anna M. Randall.	6	Anna M. Randall.
E. W. Stevenson, S. T. Vincent, H. A. Lake.	7	E. W. Stevenson, S. T. Vincent, H. A. Lake.
Hannah Williams.	8	Henry Manley.
Sarah E. Howard.	9	Sarah E. Howard.
Clara J. Reynolds.	10	Albert H. Drake.
Lucy Mansfield.	11	Elijah Allen.

There were in Town May 1st, 1866, six hundred and eighty-eight children between the ages of 5 and 15 years. Of all ages, 692 have attended school; of whom 56 were above 15 years of age, and 16 were under 5 years. Three Thousand Dollars were appropriated by the Town for the support of Schools. One hundred and seventy-four dollars were received from State Fund.

As the removal from Town of one of the Committee would render it imperfect, we shall offer no detailed Report of the separate Schools, except as special circumstances seem to require notice. In most cases we can speak as favorably of their condition as could be expected under the present system. In Districts 1, 5, 6, 7 and 9, the same Teachers were employed during both Terms, with satisfactory results. The schools in Nos. 1, 4, 10 and 11 are unfinished, but so far prosperous.

The Summer Term in No. 5 commenced under unfavorable circumstances, the previous Winter School being unfortunate, but finished with credit. The Teacher proved capable, faithful and firm in government; the scholars manifested an interest in their studies and school. The closing exercises were pleasant and interesting. The Winter Term was somewhat disturbed by persistent ill conduct on the part of certain scholars, who were finally expelled by the Committee. It is proper to add that the misconduct complained of was not confined to insubordination in the school-room, or subject to the Teacher's control, and in no way reflects upon her skill or fidelity.

In District No. 2, complaints and dissatisfaction arose during the Winter, which, in the judgment of the Committee, rendered it advisable that the Teacher be permitted to resign her charge to another, who brought the school to a successful close. There is in this District a marked and injurious irregularity of attendance.

The Schools in North Easton are prolonged beyond the ordinary length, by private liberality, and continue to do credit to their management; fully justifying the interest shown by the people of the District.

The School in Union District No. 8, has been for the year in charge of the Stoughton Committee, and statistics are not in our possession.

In No. 9, during the Winter Term, one scholar was suspended by the Committee for direct disobedience and truancy, until proper acknowledgment should be made, which was refused.—The School was successful, although having to contend with a prejudice and influence adverse to its highest prosperity.

As appears from the foregoing Report, the Committee have felt obliged in several instances, to exercise their authority to expel a scholar from school; a power rarely and reluctantly exerted, and only when the interests of the school manifestly require it. The necessity for this last resort is plainly traceable to an erroneous home influence, which suffers and encourages a rebellious spirit, taking the part of a child against the most judicious government and discipline. It is to be feared that such a course is directing some of our youth into the path of future crime and misery.—Foremost among the causes of failure in our schools must be ranked a mistaken feeling of parents, which, overlooking the real interests of the child, sets itself in opposition to the authority of a Teacher, thus destroying his power for good, and bringing to naught his labors.

The evil of Truancy is increasing with a result fatal to order and advancement in school. This subject was noticed in the Report of last year, and the law quoted, requiring Towns to take action thereon. We would again call attention to it, and suggest that the action and By Laws then proposed be adopted, or that a Committee of suitable persons be chosen to prepare others to meet the case, and report as soon as may be.

A feeling is steadily gaining ground in favor of abolishing the District system, fruitful of so many disadvantages and abuses; and this fact is our apology for once more referring to the subject. The proposed change goes no further than to put the School property into the hands of the Town, with proper compensation to the

Districts, together with the supply of Teachers, and all responsibility connected with the business of instruction. No different location of School Houses necessarily follows. We hope the time is near when the experiment will be tried.

We notice in several school-rooms a great want of suitable furniture and apparatus; especially of black boards, which are indispensable as books in the work of instruction. A want which can be so easily and cheaply supplied, *should* be. Some of the School Houses are without adequate ventilation; the windows cannot be lowered from the top, and no change of air is procurable without exposing the pupil to danger from draughts. In certain of them the atmosphere is absolutely pestilential.

Nothing will lead more surely to the correction of evils we have noticed, and others, than an earnest co-operation of Parents with their Teachers and Committee; evidenced by frequent visits to the school-room—a more intimate personal acqnaintance with its methods and government,—by conferring with Teachers in a friendly and appreciative spirit; and by securing the punctual attendance and cheerful obedience of their children. If parents will do their duty in these respects, the gain will be great and the labor amply rewarded.

GEO. G. WITHINGTON,

for the Committee.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

DISTRICT.	Children between 5 and 15 years.	Length of School in weeks.	Whole number of Scholars.	Scholars over 15 years.	Scholars under 5 years.	Average attendance.	Teachers wages per month.	‡Cost of each scholar per week.	Apportionment of School money.
1. Summer.	66	12	55	4	3	54.5	$24.00	$.092+	$274.32
Winter.*		12	68	5	1	57.	40.00	.153+	
2. Summer.	47	12	34	0	0	29.9	28.00	.205+	230.48
Winter.		12	35	5	0	27.6	†37.90	.264+	
3. Summer.	33	13	32	1	1	26.2	25.00	.195+	198.19
Winter.		12	32	6	0	26.9	30,00	,234+	
4. Summer.	33	12	36	0	0	28.7	28.00	.194+	198.19
Winter.*		12	33	5	1	28.5	32.00	.242+	
5. Summer.	34	12	29	0	0	23.1	28.00	.241+	200.48
Winter.		12	28	1	0	23,3	30.00	.267+	
6. Summer.	15	12	23	1	1	19.8	24.00	.260+	156.66
Winter.		12	20	2	1	15.5	28.50	.356+	
7. Summer.	296	12	288	8	5	233.8	142.00	.123+	1049.08
Winter.		12	282	9	3	223.	144.00	.124+	
8. Summer.	43	12	——	–	–	——	——	——	221.26
Winter.		12	——	–	–	——	——	——	
9. Summer.	36	13	42	1	4	32.	25.00	.148+	205.13
Winter,		12	39	2	0	30.	36.00	.230+	
10. Summer.	42	12	30	1	0	20.	27.00	.225+	218.95
*Winter.		13	36	11	0	29.1	45,00	.312+	
11. Summer.	43	12	44	4	0	39.	28.00	.159+	221.26
*Winter.		12	48	9	0	42.4	50.00	.260+	
Total,	688	267						†.214+	$3174.00

*Unfinished. †Average. ‡For instruction only.

NAMES OF SCHOLARS,

WHO HAVE NOT BEEN ABSENT OR TARDY DURING A TERM.

District No. 1.

Eva L. Willis,
Carrie A. Morse,
Charles D. Simpson,
Henry F. Frost,
*Fred H. Greenleaf,
Albert S. Lothrop,
Clarence M. Dunbar,
Merton A. Ripley,
A. T. Macomber. 9

District No. 2.

Lizzie Reed,
*Mary Mansfield,
*Helen Clapp,
Alice Pool,
Lizzie Smith,
Roger Howard. 6

District No. 3.

Ella A. Pool,
S. Lizzie Heath,
Isabella G. Heath,
Lottie M. Heath,
*Eveline A. Drake,
Ella F. Howard,
Elmira A. Howard,
Hannah Ramsdell,
George W. Hunt,
Arthur F. Pool,
Herbert A. Pool,
*George W. Pool,
Charles R. Hunt. 13

District No. 4.

Katie Williams,
Ellis Williams,
*Clifton Williams,
*John Williams,
Edgar Williams,
Jesse Williams,
George Henshaw,
Ira Gardner. 8

District No. 5.

*Nellie A. Rollins,
Jerusha J. White,
Carrie E. Evans,
*Jennie S. Rollins,
Alice J. Linehan,
*Charles W. Evans,
*George J. Rollins,
Joseph Linehan. 8

District No. 6.

*Elma M. Buck,
Abbie H. Buck,
Lizzie F. Britton,
Warren B. Wilson. 4

District No. 7.

Elsie H. King,
Mary Higginbottom,
Abbie Randall,
Mary Conboy,
Lizzie Hallihan,
Mary Deneen,
Mary Convoy,
Katie McGinty,
Julia Minton,
Anna Donahue,
Mary Healy,
*John Fox,
Timothy Lyons,
Michael Convoy,
Dennis Leary,
Chas. W. Higginbottom,
*Fred. H. Lake,
John Baldwin,
Willie Conlin,
Charles Coggswell,
Wm. Doherty,
Charles Phillips,
Fred. Ripley,
Thomas Rigney 24

District No. 9.

George W. Reed,
Herbert J. Collingwood,
Daniel Buckley,
Nathaniel H. Murphy,
Bradley F. Murphy,
Ellen M. Torrey. 6

District No. 10.

Amelia A. Keith,
Emmeletta E. Smith,
*Horace M. Allen,
*Athel E. Gooch,
Alfonso F. Gooch,
James B. Smith,
Deroyce R. Smith,
George N. Lincoln,
*Ozro L. Randall. 9

District No. 11.

*Lizzie A. Phillips,
Emma K. Corbett,
Hattie F. Drake,
Charles Belcher,
*Frank F. Hill,
James McKeon,
Granville Hayward,
Frank E. King,
Amasa Record,
Lafayette M. Hill. 10

Total 97.

* Both terms.

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REPORT

Of Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor.

The following Report of the financial condition of the town, February 1, 1868, is respectfully submitted:

ALMSHOUSE ESTABLISHMENT.

Account of Stock at Almshouse Feb. 1, 1868.

18 1-2 tons	English hay,	$462.50
2 1-2	" meadow "	25.00
1-3	" straw,	5.00
1	horse,	90.00
2	oxen,	240.00
8	cows,	400.00
4	swine,	30.00
8	fowls,	8.00
57 bushels	corn,	85.50
7	" rye,	11.90
15	" barley,	22.50
3	" oats,	3.00
75	" potatoes,	75.00
8	" French turnips,	4.80
200 lbs.	fine feed,	4.80
160 "	bacon,	27.20
500 "	pork,	70.00
270 "	beef,	32.40
28 "	butter,	13.44
76 "	lard,	12.67
63 "	candles,	10.50
20 "	dried apples,	3.00
1 bbl.	vinegar,	12.00
7 "	cider,	56.00
1 1-2"	apples,	6.00
1 "	soap,	4.80
1 "	flour,	13.50
Groceries,		6.00
		1,735 51

EXPENDITURES OF ALMSHOUSE.

Paid for groceries,	114.93	
" flour,	145.75	
" grain,	223.24	
" salt,	15.23	
" meat and fish,	33.52	
" soap,	6.86	
" clothing and bedding,	93.37	
" furniture,	9.57	
" labor on farm,	198.46	
" farming tools,	56.99	
" repairs on buildings,	8.19	
" grass and garden seeds,	8.75	
" blacksmithing,	25.96	
" stock,	61.75	
" making cider,	9.80	
" medicine and medical aid,	20.25	
" carriage hire,	4.50	
" burials,	26.50	
" town farm tax,	26.99	
" braiding straw,	2.01	
" school books,	2.80	
" curing hams,	5.25	
Francis Dunbar, Warden, for 12 mos. service,	400.00	
Hay, stock, &c., on hand Feb. 1, 1867.	1,697.27	
		$3,197.94

RECEIPTS OF ALMSHOUSE.

1,115 lbs. butter,	429.74	
Milk,	112.94	
Calves,	69.00	
Hide,	5.13	
Vinegar and cider,	157.11	
Eggs and fowls,	20.39	
Potatoes and turnips,	103.17	
Straw braid,	26.05	
Hay,	102.98	
Work done for individuals,	112.45	
Grain,	8.20	
Lard,	21.31	
Meat,	27.92	
Apples,	17.37	
Pasture,	8.00	
Candles,	1.15	
Straw,	8.20	
Old Iron,	6.04	
		1,237.15

Amount brought forward,		1,237.15
Use of lockup,	3.00	
Stock,	49.80	
Cranberries,	51.00	
Use of hearse for 42 funerals in town,	42.00	
" " " 1 " out "	3.00	
Hay, stock, &c., on hand, Feb. 1, 1868,	1,735.51	
		1,884 31
		$3,121.46

Expenditures of Almshouse,	3,197.94
Receipts,	3,121.46
Balance against Almshouse,	$76.48

INMATES OF ALMSHOUSE.

	Age.	Weeks.		Age.	Weeks.
Otis French,	70	52	George Wade, (died)	26	1
Asa Drake,	53	52	Bradley F. Murphy,	11	15
George Quinley,	68	52	Jas. H.H. Torrey, died,	12	5
Ellen M. Torrey,	11	52	Rebecca Allen,	67	21
Ziba Wade,	57	52	Almah Dickerman,	21	24
Nathaniel H. Murphy,	10	52	Ella A. Dickerman,	16	8
Frederic E. Murphy,	5	52	Amos Wade,	51	3
Daniel Howard, (died)	72	7	Noah White,	13	7
Zachary Drake,	75	24	William Taylor,	8	5
Rhoda Drake,	65	24	Charles W. Randall,	63	
George P. Phillips,	3	35	Sarah A. Randall,	56	
Orvil A. Randall,	12	26	Charles M. Randall,	36	
Elizabeth Ann Randall,	23		Asahel O. Randall,	24	

Transient Paupers,			10
Admitted the past year,	10	Now in Almshouse,	17
Discharged,	5	Males,	12
Died.	3	Females,	5
Average number for the year,			11 7-52

The expenditures of the Almshouse exceed the income of the farm seventy-six dollars, forty-eight cents.

EXPENSE OF POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Raynham,	aid to	Zachary Drake,	122.20
Samuel Jones,	"	" "	63.00
Welcome Dunbar,	"	Betsey Smith,	9.00
" "	"	Eveline Legrow,	16.00
" "	"	Leonard Ayers,	34.50
H. W. Howard,	"	Polly Randall,	3.50
" " "	"	Solomon Stone,	14.44
Seba Howard,	"	Mrs. Mullins,	3.00
Milo Manley,	"	" "	4.00
East Bridgwater,	"	Amos Wade,	16.00
" "	"	Julia Phillips,	5.90
Abijah Tisdale,	"	Julia Murphy,	6.62
Fred. L. Ames,	"	" "	32.00
Francis Middleton,	"	" "	18.64
Tisdale Harlow,	"	" "	15.00
William Ames,	"	Solomon Stone,	4.95
Francis E. Gilmore,	"	" "	12.00
State Lunatic Hospital,	"	John W. Marshall,	224.58
State Nautical School,	"	Davis Wade,	26.00
" " "	"	Edgar G. Freeman,	7.21
" " "	"	John P. Leary,	4.35
Alford,	"	Shepard Packard,	67.66
Hanson,	"	George P. Phillips,	2.00
Stoughton,	"	Charles W. Randall,	160.95
John Kimball,	"	" " "	2.00
Mansfield,	"	Orvil A. Randall,	3.00
Sharon,	"	Charles E. Randall,	16.00
Plymouth,	"	James R. Harlow,	30.21
O. Ames & Sons,	"	Silas Shaw,	15.00
Frost & Drake,	"	Solomon Stone,	103.46
" "	"	Leonard Ayers,	15.00
" "	"	Eveline Legrow,	32.00
John T. Kimball,	"	Peter Nelson,	120.00
" " "	"	Sarah A. Hersey,	35.03
" " "	"	Silas Shaw,	10,64
" " "	"	Solomon Stone,	15.97
" " "	"	Wm. P. Clapp,	16.30
" " "	"	George W. Drake,	8.54
" " "	"	Albert James,	12.38
" " "	"	Betsey Smith,	3.00
" " "	"	Hosea Wade,	10,97
Caleb Swan, Medical attendance,			20.00
			1,342.10
Amount paid and due from other towns,			213.91
Balance,			1,128.19

TOWN APPROPRIATIONS.

Public Schools,	$3,000.00	
Highways,	2,500.00	
State Tax,	10,200.00	
County "	2,108.61	
Overlay,	194.29	
		$18,002.90

Valuation of the Town, May 1st, 1867.

Real Estate,	833,196.00	
Personal Estate,	904,835.00	
Total valuation,		$1,738,031.00
Number of Polls taxed,	864	
Poll tax,	$2.00	
Rate per cent,	62 cents on $100.00.	

Appropriation for Schools,—Divided as follows:

District No. 1,	No. of Scholars,	57	Cost of Schools,	$257.78
" " 2,	" "	34	" "	208.79
" " 3,	" "	33	" "	206.66
" " 4,	" "	24	" "	187.49
" " 5,	" "	34	" "	208.79
" " 6,	" "	19	" "	176.84
" " 7,	" "	338	" "	856.31
" " 8,	" "	55	" "	254.52
" " 9,	" "	38	" "	217.31
" " 10,	" "	37	" "	215.18
" " 11,	" "	35	" "	210.92
		704		$3,000.59

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid John Kimball, selectman, assessor and overseer of poor,	92.00	
" " " use of horse and carriage,	14.24	
" Horace D. Howard, selectman, &c.,	59.50	
" " " use of horse and carriage,	8.33	
" Joseph Barrows, selectman, &c.,	61.00	
" " " use of horse and carriage,	10.10	
" John Kimball, collecting, recording and returning 105 births, 55 deaths, and 22 marriages,	45.00	
" George G. Withington, school committee,	55.25	
" Edward R. Hayward, " "	36.75	
" Hiram Phillips, constable,	16.00	
		$398.17

Guide boards remain same as last year.

JOHN KIMBALL,
HORACE D. HOWARD,
JOSEPH BARROWS.
} *Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor of Easton.*

Easton, Feb. 1st, 1868.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Town of Easton, in account with J. KIMBALL, Treasurer.

Dr. To Paid,—

Catherine Gorman,		note and interest,		106.56	
Bridget McKeon,		"	"	210.36	
Mary Fitzpatrick,	3	"	"	1,478.28	
Harriet S. Packard,		"	"	514.83	
Olive H. French,		"	"	229.53	
Lewis R. Randall.		"	"	212.73	
Thomas Williams,		"	"	115.03	
Tisdale Godfrey,		"	"	219.36	
First Nat. Bank, Easton,		"	"	1,012.50	
William S. Andrews,		"	"	80.62	
Eliza T. Andrews,		"	"	219.69	
Emory Goward,	2	"	"	417.65	
Abby D. Goward,		"	"	174.18	
F. Josephine Randall,		"	"	237.42	
Ann M. Randall,		"	"	229.43	
George M. Simpson,		"	"	307.72	
Rebecca Randall,		"	"	93.12	
Jane H. Wilbar,		"	"	116.42	
Marcus Packard,		"	"	125.88	
					$6,101.31

East Bridgewater,	Aid to	Amos Wade,	16.00	
" "	"	Julia Phillips,	5.00	
Alford,	"	Shepard Packard,	67.66	
Hanover,	"	Geo. P. Phillips,	2.00	
Stoughton,	"	Charles W. Randall,	160.95	
Mansfield,	"	Orvil A. Randall,	3.00	
Sharon,	"	Charles E. Randall,	16.00	
Raynham,	"	Zachary Drake,	122.20	
Plymouth,	"	James R. Harlow,	30.21	
State Lunatic Hospital,	"	John W. Marshall,	223.58	
" Nautical School,	"	Davis Wade,	26.00	
" " "	"	Edgar G. Freeman,	7.21	
" " "	"	John P. Lake,	4.35	
Abijah Tisdale,	"	Julia Murphy,	6.62	
Fred. L. Ames,	"	" "	32.00	
Francis Middleton,	"	" "	18.64	
Tisdale Harlow.	"	" "	15.00	
Milo Manley,	"	Mrs. Mullins.	4.00	
Seba Howard,	"	" "	3.00	
William Ames,	"	Solomon Stone,	4.95	
				768.37

$6,869.68

Amount brought forward,			$6,869.68
Francis E. Gilmore,	aid to	Solomon Stone,	12.00
H. W. Howard,	"	" "	14.44
J. T. Kimball,	"	" "	15.97
Frost & Drake,	"	" "	103.46
Welcome Dunbar,	"	Betsey Smith,	9.00
J. T. Kimball,	"	" "	3.00
Welcome Dunbar,	"	Eveline Legro,	16.00
Frost & Drake,	"	" "	32.00
Welcome Dunbar,	"	Leonard Ayers,	34.50
Frost & Drake,	"	" "	15.00
Samuel Jones,	"	Zachary Drake,	63.00
J. Kimball,	"	Charles W. Randall,	2.00
O. Ames & Sons,	"	Silas Shaw,	15,00
J. T. Kimball,	"	" "	10.64
" "	"	Hosea Wade,	10.97
" "	"	Peter Nelson,	120.00
" "	"	Sarah A. Hersey,	35.03
" "	"	Wm. P. Clapp,	16.30
" "	"	Geo. W. Drake,	8.54
" "	"	Albert James,	12.38
Horace W. Howard,	"	Polly Randall,	3.50
School District, No. 1,			245.25
" " " 2,			220.11
" " " 3,			148.94
" " " 4,			181.00
" " " 5,			206.78
" " " 6,			176.15
" " " 7,			856.31
" " " 8,			248.50
" " " 9,			217,31
" " " 10,			223.00
" " " 11,			381.42
Treasurer Congregationalist Parish, use of Hall,			60.00
George W. Keith. as per vote of town,			137.50
Francis Dunbar, Warden,			400.00
County Tax,			2,108.61
State "			10,200.00
6 per cent. on all taxes,			750.17
Edmund H. Bennett, for services,			25.00
Edward R. Hayward, " " School Committee,			36.75
Geo. G. Withington, " " " "			55.25
State aid to Eliza J. Packard,			96.00
" " " Margaret Slattery,			96.00
" " " Louisa McCullough,			32.00
" " " George A. Lackey,			120.00
			17,774.78
			$24.644.46

Amount brought forward,			$24,644.46
State aid to		John Murphy,	30.00
" " "		Timothy Murphy,	72.00
" " "		Lydia B. Willis,	96.00
" " "		Mary Richards,	48.00
" " "		Salome Lothrop,	48.00
" " "		Elizabeth F. Pool,	96.00
" " "		James McEvoy,	168.00
" " "		Melind White,	48.00
" " "		Caroline Hill,	96.00
" " "		Harriet F. Britton,	96.00
" " "		Geo. N. Blanchard,	120.00
" " "		Annie Haney,	96.00
" " "		Charlotte E. Hansell,	20.00
" " "		Lawrence Lamb,	8.00
" " "		Ellen Nash,	24.00
" " "		Hannah Flaherty,	52.00
" " "		Emeline Legro,	104.00
" " "		Fidelia Phillips,	80.00
" " "		Ansalem Lansman,	25.00
John Kimball, obtaining, recording, indexing, and returning 105 births, 55 deaths, and 22 marriages,			45.00
Joseph Barrows, hand cuffs and police badge,			4.65
Sextons, for returning 59 deaths,			5.90
George Cogswell and J. M. Mills, for returning 34 births in the year 1865,			8.50
John Kimball, taxes remitted for the years 1865-6,			218.42
Crummett's Express, for law reports,			1.40
A. A. Rotch, for oath on returns,			.50
G. W. Kennedy, " " " "			.25
C. A. Hack & Son, for Printing,			45.00
Hiram Phillips, Constable,			16.00
Easton Post Office, for Postage,			2.99
John Kimball, stationery,			6.00
Highway District No. 1, snow bill,			221.45
" " " " Randall bridge,			661.67
" " " " long swamp "			46.89
" " " 2, snow bill,			70.00
" " " " extra work on road,			15.75
" " " 3, snow bill,			97.95
" " " " Pool bridge,			45.29
" " " " Gallows "			106.87
" " " 4, snow bill,			137.75
" " " " extra work on road,			8.67
" " " 5, snow bill,			123.81
			3,217.71
			$27,862.17

Amount brought forward,		$27,862.17
" " " 6, " "	102.25	
" " " 8, " "	72.60	
" " " " extra work on road,	4.32	
" " " 9 snow bill,	80.23	
" " " 10 " "	100.05	
" " " 11 " "	135.03	
" " " " extra work on road,	20.66	
John Kimball, selectman, &c.,	106.24	
Horace D. Howard, " "	67.83	
Joseph Barrows, " "	71.10	
Cash and uncollected tax bills in hands of Treasurer,	2,818.81	
		3,579.12
		$31,441.29

Cr.

Balance in Treasury, Feb. 1, 1867,	5,978.63	
Received of State Treasurer, for balance due on Incorporated stock tax, 1866,	1,122.45	
" do. do. do. 1867,	8,849.54	
" of Newton,	60.72	
" " Canton,	153.00	
" " F. N. Bank of Easton, on loan,	1,000.00	
" " T. G. Marshall, for J. W. Marshall,	15.00	
" " State Treasurer, aid to pauper,	5.00	
" " " " " " volunteers and families of	1,400.00	
" " David Farrington for pedler's license,	10.00	
" " Assessors return of Taxes,	12,502.90	
" " F. Dunbar, Warden of Town Farm,	244.05	
" " " " Liquor Agent,	100.00	
		$31,441.29

JOHN KIMBALL, Treasurer.

CONDITION OF THE TREASURY, FEB. 1, 1868.

Due School Districts,	608.00	
" Francis Dunbar,	400.00	
" Parish,	60.00	
" Estimated snow bills,	240.00	
" " on account of paupers,	125.00	
		1,433.00

ASSETS.

Cash and uncollected tax bills in hands of Treas.,	2,818.81	
Due from State for aid to volunteers,	2,143.15	
" " Canton,	132.00	
" " Newton,	35.03	
" " Dover,	83.50	
" " West Bridgewater,	12.38	
		5,224.87

Balance in favor of the town, $3,197.87.

LIST OF DEATHS IN 1867.

No.	Date.	Name.	Age. Yrs.	Mos.	Ds.	Disease.
1	Jan. 3,	Caroline Dailey,	50	6	14	Consumption.
2	17,	Hannah Dunbar,	84	8	12	Old age.
3	24,	Walter C. Nye,			1	Premature.
4	24,	Sylvia Batchelder,	18	4		Gastro Præmonits.
5	29,	Joseph Holmes,	80	9	22	Old age.
6	Feb. 3,	Sidney French,	49	9	11	Lung fever.
7	7,	Whitten,			6	Influenza.
8	8,	George Wade,	26			Consumption.
9	13,	Hannah M. Gilmore,	49	3	28	Ovarian Tumor.
10	24,	Floriana J. Carpenter,	13	11	13	Inflamation of bowels.
11	25,	Abby A. French,	44			Heart disease.
12	26,	Margaret Foley,		8		Convulsions.
13	Mar. 8,	Florence O'Neil,	28			Congestion of Lungs.
14	9,	James H. H. Torrey,	12			Disease of Brain.
15	19,	Jeremiah Monk,	75	3	15	Lung fever.
16	20,	Daniel Howard,	71			Old age.
17	Apr. 9,	Eva A. Randall,		7		Lung Fever.
18	17,	James Riley,	1			Ecyema.
19	27,	Harriet Storey,	76	9	22	Inflamation of Lungs.
20	May 27,	Olive Lothrop,	55	10	14	Dry Gangrene.
21	June 2,	Patrick Harlow,	32			Erysipelas.
22	4,	Charles Doherty,	7	10	6	Spotted Fever.
23	11,	Rebecca Upham,	59			Dropsy in Chest.
24	13,	Mary Reccords,	82			Pleurisy Fever.
25	23,	Jonathan Drake,	79	6	20	Old age.
26	July 17,	Minerva Henshaw,	76			" "
27	24,	Elizabeth S. Pratt,	48	11	19	Bronchitis.
28	29,	Minnie C. Belcher,	17	8	22	Heart disease.
29	31,	Deborah M. Lincoln,	57	2	28	Cancer Gastrites.
30	Aug. 7,	Freeman Drake,	67	9		Erebro Spinal.
31	9,	Mary E. Littlefield,	20	3	9	
32	12,	Ellen F. Danahy.		5	4	Cholera Infantum.
33	14,	Ernest E. White,		1		" "
34	23,	Mary E. Woodbury,	15	11	10	Typhoid Fever.
35	27,	Grace N. Morse,	1	11	25	Dysentery Convulsions.
36	Sept. 16,	Mary J. Riordon,	1	3		Whooping Cough.
37	29,	Milly Buck,	99	2	12	Old age.
38	Oct. 4,	Mary Carney,	60			Dysentery.
36	8,	Ellen F. Linehan,			4	Inanition.
40	25,	Mary A. Drake,	70	1	20	Paralysis.
41	27,	Mary Phillips,	74	10	27	Congestion of Lungs.
42	Nov. 3,	Susan H. Copeland,	67	3	20	Disease of Heart.
43	10,	Francis Williams,	92	4	2	Old age.
44	17,	Ellen F. Dean,	4	2	25	Diptheria.
45	17,	Mary A. Perry,	9	2	6	"

46	26,	Rachel Manley,	63			Typhoid Fever.
47	26,	Abram James,	26	10		Consumption.
48	28,	Sarah E. Perry,	6	3	26	Diptheria.
49	Dec.	Georgiana Dillard,	18			Scarletina.
50	5,	Catherine Murphy,	30			Consumption.
51	9,	Catherine McGlenchy,	1	5		Dysentery.
52	10,	John W. Fountain,	3	3	26	Scarlet Fever.
53	17,	Sarah R. Ames,	63	7	27	Dysentery.
54	23,	Sally Godfrey,	82	11	17	Old age.
55	24,	Francis Goward,	94	4	4	" "

LIQUOR AGENCY.

DR. FRANCIS DUNBAR, Agent,

In account with TOWN OF EASTON, CR.

To liquors on hand, Feb. 1st, 1867.	$140.31	By amount of liquors on hand, Feb. 1, 1868,	266.63
Liquors purchased,	2,387.56	Casks and measures,	10,00
Agent's Salary,	100.00	Amount of liquors sold,	2,477.28
Profit,	126.04		
	$2,753.91		$2,753.91

FRANCIS DUNBAR, Liquor Agency, CASH ACCOUNT.

To cash on hand, Feb. 1st, 1867,	112.48	By cash paid for liquors,	2,387.56
Liquors sold,	2,502.14	Agent's salary,	100.00
		License,	25.00
		Paid into town Treasury,	100.00
	$2,614.62	Cash on hand,	2.06
			$2,614.62

REPORT

OF THE

School Committee,

OF THE

TOWN OF EASTON,

For the year 1867-8.

TAUNTON:
C. A. HACK & SON, PRINTERS, 7 UNION BLOCK,
1868.

REPORT.

The School Committee of Easton respectfully present the following as their Annual Report of the condition of the Public Schools, for the year 1867-8 :—

GEO. G. WITHINGTON,
OLIVER AMES, 2d,
EDWARD R. HAYWARD, } *School Committee.*

TEACHERS.

District.	Summer.	Winter.
No. 1,	Emma C. Brownell,	George G. Withington.
" 2,	Ellen F. White,	Elbridge G. Ames,
" 3,	Henrietta H. Gilmore,	Ellen M. Hayward, Elbridge G. Ames,
" 4,	Mary A. Lincoln,	J. Herbert Leonard,
" 5,	Mary J. White,	Sarah B. Pratt,
" 6,	Sarah W. Barrows,	Sarah W. Barrows, Hepsie F. Stearns,
" 7,	Francis T. Crafts, S. T. Vincent, H. A. Lake,	*Assistants*,—Emma Tisdale, and L. E. Randall.
" 8,	Hannah Williams,	
" 9,	Esther M. Simmons,	Edwin H. Lothrop,
" 10,	Lois H. Trescott,	Albert H. Drake,
" 11,	Elizabeth W. Deans.	

By the census of May 1st, 1867, there were in town, seven hundred and four children between the ages of five and fifteen years. The whole number of scholars in our schools for the past year has been six hundred and ninety-two; of whom fifty-seven were above fifteen years of age, and nine were under five years.

The sum of three thousand dollars was appropriated for the support of schools. The town forfeited its share of the State fund, not having established a High School. The average attendance in all the schools has been 77 per centum of the whole number of scholars. The average cost for instruction of each scholar for the year is $4.47; this expense being greatest in district No. 6, and least in district No. 7.

For further information we refer to the following detailed reports, and the appended table of statistics.

District No. 1.

A commendable interest is shown by the people of this District in their School, which goes far to insure its prosperity. The Summer term was under the continued charge of a teacher who had already been tested and had won the confidence and good will of parents and pupils. The large attendance and consequent multiplicity of classes, unavoidable in a mixed school, caused less to be accomplished than might have been, could more time and attention have been bestowed upon each class. Arrangements have been made for the accommodation of an assistant teacher, should increasing numbers render it expedient hereafter to employ one. The school house has been re-modeled and thoroughly repaired, and is now surpassed by none in convenience, comfort and appliances.

District No. 2.

That this school has been successful and profitable throughout the year, we believe to be the verdict of those immediately interested. The teacher during the Summer term, though new to the business, proved herself competent and faithful, and the result of her endeavors was gratifying. The district was fortunate in securing for the winter, the services of a former instructor whose name is a guaranty for thoroughness in drill and excellence in discipline. The Committee were more than satisfied with the evidences of improvement.

District No. 3.

The Summer term passed pleasantly, and manifested a good degree of progress under the care of one who had previously

established herself as a teacher in the respect and esteem of the inhabitants of the District. Of the Winter term, at the outset, we cannot speak so favorably. The spirit of disorder prevailed to such an extent that the school was closed at the expiration of the seventh week. Recommencing, with an experienced hand at the helm, the turbulent elements were speedily subdued, and its present condition is all that could reasonably be desired.

District No. 4.

We have nothing especial to remark concerning the School in this District. There is great need of better school accommodations and apparatus. The Winter term is in experienced and efficient hands, and promises to be a profitable session.

District No. 5.

The teacher of the Summer School during several successive terms succeeded in establishing the pleasantest relations with her pupils, and her efforts were justly and generously appreciated. We are happy to bear witness to their good result. The Winter term has been prosperous, speaking well for the qualifications and skill of the young teacher to whose charge it was committed.

District No. 6.

This school, although smallest in numbers, of any in town, takes high rank for quiet and orderly deportment, and the diligence and interest manifested. The same teacher was engaged for both Summer and Winter terms, but being called to another field of labor before the close of the latter, relinquished her post to a successor. The interruption, involving, of course, a change in the methods of discipline and instruction, could not but check to some extent the progress of the school; without, however, reflecting at all upon the later management.

District No. 7.

The Primary and Intermediate departments, for most of the year, continued in charge of long tried and approved teachers, and maintained the high character which they have usually borne. The rapid increase of primary scholars rendered the accommoda-

tions inadequate to the needs of that department and also necessitated a premature transfer of some classes to the Intermediate and from the Intermediate to the Higher. This interfered with the regular grading of the schools and added much to the labor of instruction. The Grammar school fell somewhat below its standard of order and deportment, and failed to give general satisfaction. The present term commenced with a new corps of teachers, one of the previous assistants, only, retaining her place; for which reason we do not include it in this report, except to say that the prospect is highly flattering. The present teachers are—in the Grammar Department, Oliver Howard, assisted by Sarah Spaulding; Intermediate, Susan Clapp; Primary, Sarah W. Barrows, assisted by Lucy E. Randall.

District No. 8.

We place this School in the front rank for intelligence, general appearance, and progress in scholarship. This result is owing in part to an unusual degree of interest displayed by parents and friends; the pains taken to render pleasant and inviting the school-house and grounds; in part to the care exercised in selecting teachers, and less frequent change than is common in our districts. The Committee take pleasure in thus giving praise where it is due; and would also express their appreciation of the labors of a teacher who does credit to the native talent of our town. The Winter term has been sadly interrupted by sickness.

District No. 9.

The services of one already acquainted with the School were secured for the Summer term, and no disappointment attended the result. The Winter school was taught by a resident of the district and former pupil, who showed himself to possess peculiar fitness for the duties of an instructor, as well as firmness and tact in government, beyond what was to be expected from a beginner. Steady and satisfactory improvement was evinced in deportment, and in the various branches of study.

District No. 10.

General good order has characterized this school. In some respects we are glad to notice an improvement upon previous

years. The standard of scholarship is relatively below the average, and there is, in the District, a seeming apathy in regard to the educational demands of the times. The school-house is uncomfortable, ill-ventilated, and ill-furnished. The attendance is irregular, and has been especially so this Winter, by reason of sickness. Only one of the parents of the District has visited the school during the Winter, so far; yet the teachers have been faithful, and progress is made.

District No. 11.

The opinion of the Committee can add nothing to the reputation of the teacher in this District, so long and so favorably known to all. This, with the admitted character of the school, is assurance of its prosperity. We might speak of excellence in discipline; thoroughness in drill and explanation; the moral influence brought to bear upon the scholars; but deem it sufficient to include all these in a general commendation of the system of instruction and government pursued.

From these brief remarks upon the several schools, it will appear that they compare favorably with those of past years. There have been fewer interruptions, failures, and instances of complaint and dissatisfaction, than usual. The Prudential Committees have generally exercised due care and judgment in the selection of teachers, and the result has been in most cases happy. And, in considering the causes of success or failure, it does not appear that they lie wholly with the Teacher. Sometimes one of medium attainments and qualifications will, under favoring circumstances, manage to pass the ordeal very creditably: while another, possessing superior fitness for the work, may, by reason of indifference, want of sympathy, or ill-will and opposition *without*, find it impossible to obtain or preserve *within* the school-room the respect and willing obedience essential to success. When a young teacher, of good literary acquirements and full of zeal and interest but wanting experience and the self-confidence it imparts, fails to accomplish what is expected, it is but justice to ask how far the

Parents are chargeable: how far mis-government at home, want of sympathy with her efforts and trials, disparaging remarks, and above all, a total absence of personal acquaintance with the school—the methods of discipline and instruction there pursued, the difficulties encountered,—have brought about the evils and failure complained of. In one, certainly, of our larger schools at the tenth week of our winter term, but one individual belonging to the district had entered the school-room as a visitor. While such apathy exists in regard to the educational progress of our children, there is little justice in criticizing and condemning the short-comings of a teacher. It is easy to find fault; much better would it be to assist in correcting the faults; to aid instead of throwing obstacles in the way of those who for six hours of the day stand *in loco parentis*, by giving them friendly encouragement, deserved confidence, and active co-operation.

Your Committee have heretofore advocated the more general employment of female teachers for our schools, as a step of wisdom and economy. We are still of the same mind, assuming the existence of attendant influences favorable to the maintenance of good order: the moral support of parents given to the teacher. But this necessary element is not always present, and where the charge of a school involves the subjugation of rude and unmannerly, or vicious pupils who are under no salutary restraint elsewhere, but rather seem to be encouraged in lawlessness and rebellion, the expediency is manifest of employing such teachers as can enforce respect and subordination. The only alternative is to debar from school privileges and discipline those who stand most in need of them.

The statute is too often overlooked which requires the inculcation and enforcement of Christian morals, as a part of the teacher's duty. Some of our scholars are without moral training at home, and bring to the school habits of profane and obscene speech, together with improper deportment, corrupting in their example and influences. This is a matter which comes within the sphere of a teacher's authority, in dealing with which he should have the aid and countenance of every parent and citizen who dreads the contamination for the innocent and pure. The liability of the

child to contract, in secret, impurity, and knowledge which is polluting to mind and soul, is the great and only serious objection to the mingling of different classes and conditions in public schools. This objection is, in itself, sufficiently serious, and the danger calls for the exercise of a watchful care in reforming or rooting out the vicious element. Special care is taken to guard against the introduction of physical disease, but incomparably worse is the contagion of moral uncleanness.

At a town meeting last Fall to consider whether a High School should be established, the School Committee was instructed to open such a school on the first Monday of March—providing a place and making suitable arrangements therefor. We are not yet able to make a report, but take this opportunity to say a few words upon the subject. The conditions under which the School will be opened at that time are but temporary; its permanent location and accommodations must be determined by action of the Town. A High School worthy of the name will be of incalculable benefit to the whole town. It will increase the efficiency of the district schools by arousing the ambition of the pupils therein, setting before them its advantages as an object to be attained; it will afford at home ample facilities for acquiring a solid and thorough English education, and, if desired, for preparation to enter college. To accomplish these results, first the standard of qualifications for admission must be such as to distinguish this from schools of a lower grade. A strict examination must determine the fitness of applicants. Second, the course of studies must be definitely fixed, with reference to the objects sought—of intellectual training for the practical duties of life, or of laying the foundation for a collegiate course,—a regular period being assigned for its completion. Third, those who enter upon either course should be required to pursue it faithfully. A school established upon such a system, will at first be small. This must be the case now or ten years hence. But it will steadily enlarge as its advantages are recognized and invite more strenuous effort to obtain them. Let us look, therefore, to the future as well as to the present and be governed in our action by wise foresight and prudence. Let us have a High School which shall accomplish all

that is possible to such an institution, and be an honor to the town.

During the month of November last a "Teachers' Institute" was, for the first time, held in Easton by Joseph White, Esq., Secretary of the State Board of Education, assisted by a number of Teachers and Lecturers. The exercises were highly interesting and instructive, and attended with increasing interest, by teachers, scholars and friends of education, from this and adjacent towns. The object and methods of the Institute were but little understood, and it was regarded beforehand with some disfavor, or, at least, indifference; but left, we are happy to say, a most favorable impression.

The suggestions we have made are a result of careful observation, prompted not only by our official duty, but by an individual interest in the welfare of our schools and a sincere desire to promote their utility. We could wish for a special "gift of tongues" to urge upon our fellow-citizens the duty and responsibility belonging to each one in regard to them. No subject which presents itself for consideration, and calls upon them to act in a corporate capacity, rivals this in importance or demands more enlightened and deliberate thought and action: whether we look at it in a pecuniary light, or as involving a moral obligation. A considerable sum of money is annually appropriated for educational purposes; we are bound to see that it is judiciously applied, and made to the utmost extent available, in carrying out the object contemplated. True economy and thrift demand not that the amount thus devoted be lessened, but that it be made to yield larger returns. The matter of expense, however, is subordinate to the question—What do we owe to our children and the generation soon to take our place? Will not the increasing demands of the age need to be met by superior culture, and shall we not be held culpable for any refusal or neglect to provide ample means and facilities for its attainment? None but a narrow, prejudiced, Bocotic mind, will refer to its own limited experience in schools and school privileges as affording any criterion of the requirements of the present time. Some have made their way in spite of early disadvantages, but vastly more have suffered from them.

There is no reason why the public schools of Easton should be inferior to any. To raise them to the maximum of excellence requires not money alone, but that Parents interest themselves in all the details of their management and government; that they actively co-operate with their teachers and their Committees, to enforce regular attendance, strict discipline and moral purity; that they aid and encourage their children in their studies, and note and commend their progress.

GEO. G. WITHINGTON,

For the Committee.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

DISTRICT.	Children between 5 and 15 years.	Length of School in Weeks.	Whole number of Scholars.	Over 15 years of Age.	Under 5 years of Age.	Average Attendance.	Teacher's Wages per Month.	Cost of each Scholar for the Year.	Amount Apportioned to each District.
1. Summer.	57	12	63	3	2	48.7	$36.00	$4.23	$257.78
*Winter.		12	59	11	0	‡45.6	50.00		
2. Summer.	34	12	26	0	1	20.	25.00	7.46	208.79
Winter.		12	30	4	0	25.	45.00		
3. Summer.	33	12	27	4	0	23.	26.00	7.38	206.66
*Winter.		12	29	6	0	‡22.	36.83		
4. Summer.	24	10	27	1	1	21.7	26.00	6.82	187.49
*Winter.		12	28	3	0	‡24.2	40.00		
5. Summer.	34	12	29	0	0	23.	30.00	6.85	208.79
Winter.		14	32	3	1	26.	30.00		
6. Summer.	19	12	23	2	2	21.8	27.00	8.04	176.84
Winter.		12	21	2	0	16.5	28.00		
7. Summer.	338	12	302	9	0	223.	160.00	2.78	856.31
Fall.		12	315	9	0	247.	162.00		
8. Summer.	55	12	50	2	0	46.	32.00	5.09	254.52
*Winter.		14	50	3	0	‡44.	32.00		
9. Summer.	38	12	36	2	0	31.1	28.00	5.72	217.31
Winter.		12	40	6	1	35.	37.00		
10. Summer.	37	12	39	4	1	30.5	26.00	5.74	215.18
*Winter.		12	36	4	1	‡26.	45.00		
11. Summer.	35	12	39	3	0	32.	31.00	5.14	210.92
Winter.		10⅖	43	6	0	38.	37.00		
Total,	704	264⅖	692	57	9	535.	†32.99	†4.47	$3000.59

* Unfinished.
† Average.
‡ Computed before the close of the term.

NAMES OF SCHOLARS NEITHER ABSENT NOR TARDY.

* Both terms

DISTRICT No. 1.

Gertrude B. Morse,
Nellie M. French,
Ellen Smith,
Frederic H. Greenleaf,
Merton A. Ripley,
Henry F. Frost,
Augustus Macomber. 7

DISTRICT No. 2.

Helen L. Clapp,
Addie J. Knapp. 2

DISTRICT No. 3.

Evelyn A. Drake,
Ella F. Howard,
Elmira A. Howard,
George W. Pool,
Herbert A. Pool,
Henry G. Pool. 6

DISTRICT No. 4.

Madeline Griggs,
*Katie Williams,
Florence Gardner,
Granville Williams,
*John Williams,
Ira Gardner,
Hiram Spaulding,
Jesse Williams,
Clifton Williams. 9

DISTRICT No. 5.

Jerusha J. White,
Nettie Eddy,
Joseph Linehan,
Charles W. Evans,
*James Eddy,
George J. Rollins,
Fred. A. Fuller,
George Newcomb,
David Newcomb. 9

DISTRICT No. 6.

Elma M. Buck,
*Abby H. Buck,
Lizzie F. Britton,
*Warren B. Wilson,
Charles Wilson,
Herbert D. Wilson. 6

DISTRICT No. 7.

*Frances Higginbottom,
*Mary Conboy,
Mary Dineen,
Mary Lyons,
Julia Minehan,
*Emma Stephenson,
Mary Healy,
Louisa Young,
Mary Leary,
Lizzie Hallihan,
*Mary A. McAvoy,
*Nellie Barlow,
Ellen Cloanan,
Rose Riley,
Ernest Leighton,
William White,
Frederick Lake,
William Hughes,
Frank Hughes,
*Henry King,
Daniel Lyons,
Frank White,
Michael Long,
William McFarlane,
Frank Monk,
William Swain,
Frederic Ripley,
Timothy Lyons,
Henry Randall,
David Helan,
Dennis Leary,
Michael Conboy,
John Malary,
Thomas McAvoy, 34

DISTRICT No. 8.

Sarah Tinkham,
Fidelia Packard,
Emily Keith,
Carrie Dickerman,
Alice Dickerman,
Charles Wade,
Edgar Marshall,
John Marshall,
James Dickerman. 9

DISTRICT No. 9.

Anna M. Murphy,
*Alice M. Drake,
*Nellie N. Phillips,
*Ellen M. Torrey,
Mary J. Conway,
Herbert W. Collinwood,
George White,
Daniel Buckley,
Frederic Murphy. 9

DISTRICT No. 10.

Josie L. Allen,
Ida M. Hewett,
Ida M. Johnson,
Amelia A. Keith,
Clara L. Randall,
Dora F. Smith,
Emmaletta Smith,
Alphonso Gooch,
Athel E. Gooch,
Ervin B. Johnson,
Ozro F. Randall,
Everett C. Randall. 12

DISTRICT No. 11.

*Hattie Keith,
Carrie Sisson,
Eugene Belcher,
Edgar Belcher. 4

Total, 107

In unfinished Schools those names are included in the list which stand clear at the time of preparing this Report.

REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN, TREASURER,

ASSESSORS,

AND

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE

TOWN OF EASTON,

For the year ending Feb. 1st, 1869.

TAUNTON,
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1869.

REPORT

Of Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor.

The following Report of the financial condition of the Town February 1, 1869, is respectfully submitted :

ALMSHOUSE ESTABLISHMENT.

Account of Stock at Almshouse Feb. 1, 1869.

15 tons	English Hay,	$345.00
2 "	meadow "	20.00
1-2 "	straw	6.00
1	horse,	90.00
7	Cows,	350.00
3	Swine,	4000
10	fowls,	10.00
40	bushels corn,	46.00
14 "	oats,	14.00
1 60 "	potatoes,	128.00
75 "	French turnips,	37.00
2 "	meal,	2.25
1 1-2 "	salt,	1.25
3 "	beans,	10.50
160 lbs.	bacon,	32.00
450 "	pork,	81.00
350 "	beef,	52.50
3 "	butter,	1.50
14 "	dried apples,	1.50
34 "	lard,	7.48
13 "	candles,	2.17
20 "	tallow	2.40
25 bbls.	cider,	112.00
1 1-2 "	apples,	4.00
1-3 "	soap,	2.00
1-3 "	flour,	4.00
Groceries		4.00
	Total	$1,406 55

EXPENDITURES OF ALMSHOUSE.

Paid for groceries,		152.87	
"	flour,	144.60	
"	grain,	233.89	
"	salt,	7.99	
"	meat and fish,	84.83	
"	soap,	6.23	
"	clothing and bedding,	96 11	
"	furniture,	63.31	
"	labor,	145.82	
"	farming tools,	49.96	
"	repairs on buildings,	3.32	
"	grass and garden seeds,	21.17	
"	blacksmithing,	13.01	
"	stock,	99.50	
"	medicine and medical aid,	33.65	
"	carriage hire,	3.88	
"	town farm tax,	12.92	
"	school books,	70	
"	making cider,	24.99	
"	Warden, 12 mos. service,	379.16	
"	hay, stock, &c. on hand Feb. 1, 1868,	1,735.51	
			3,313.42

RECEIPTS OF ALMSHOUSE.

889 lbs. butter,	379.10	
Milk,	105.35	
Calves,	76.26	
Hide,	6.30	
Vinegar and cider,	147.07	
Eggs and fowls,	17.07	
Potatoes and turnips,	108.63	
Hay,	120.59	
Work done for individuals,	103.87	
Grain,	11.00	
Lard,	16.55	
Meat,	12.04	
Apples,	40.32	
Pasture,	8.00	
Candles,	84	
Straw,	32	
Stock,	346.75	
Cranberries,	8.00	
Ashes,	4.48	
Use of hearse for 41 funerals in town,	41.00	
" " 8 " out town,	16.50	
Hay, stock, &c. on hand Feb. 1st, 1869,	1,406.55	
		2,976.59

Expenditures of Almshouse,	3,313.42
Receipts,	2,976.59
Balance against Almshouse,	$336.83

INMATES OF ALMSHOUSE.

	Age.	Weeks.		Age.	Weeks.
Otis French,	71	52	Ziba Wade,	58	37
Asa Drake,	54	52	Nath'l H. Murphy,	11	5
George Quinley,	69	52	Orvil A. Randall,	13	14
Frederic E. Murphy,	6	52	Charles W. Randall,	64	11
Zachary Drake,	76	52	Sarah A. Randall,	57	11
Rhoda Drake,	66	52	Charles M. Randall,	37	11
George P. Phillips,	4	52	Ashael O. Randall,	25	11
Almah Dickerman,	22	52	Elizab'th A. Randall,	24	11
Mary Dickerman,	55	21	Rebecca Allen,	68	31
Hannah Drake,	74	14	Silas Shaw,	71	11
David Snow,	74	11	Amy Stone,	4	4
Ellen M. Torrey,	12	47			

Transient Paupers, 12

Admitted the past year,	4	Males,	9
Discharged,	7	Females,	5
Now in Almshouse,	14		

Average number for the year, 13

The Expenditures of the Almshouse exceed the income of the farm three hundred thirty six dollars, eighty three cents.

EXPENSE OF POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

George Copeland,	aid to Solomon Stone,		68.50
Francis E. Gilmore,	"	" "	11.75
H. D. Howard,	"	" "	5.75
Bernard Alger,	"	" "	7.88
Frost & Drake,	"	" "	22.56
George Copeland,	"	Betsey Smith.	47.00
H. D. Howard.	"	" "	3.00
W. D. Clarke,	"	" "	10.00
Daniel Reed,	"	" "	7.00
George Copeland,	"	Eveline Legrow	19.50
Frost & Drake,	"	" "	6.50
George Copeland,	"	Polly Randall,	4.50
H. D. Howard,	"	" "	3.00
Wm. E. Drake,	"	" "	3.50
Seba Howard.	"	" "	3.00
North Bridgewater.	"	Mary Mulins,	4.00
" "	"	Henry S. Dunbar,	41.38

John Kimball,	aid to	Henry S. Dunbar,	7.00
Nicholas Kegan,	"	" "	10.50
O. Ames & Sons,	"	Julia Murphy,	31.45
F. L. Ames,	"	" "	29.25
Francis Midleton,	"	" "	9.25
John Sullivan	"	" "	2.25
E. H. Lothrop,	"	" "	7.00
Lemuel Randall,	"	" "	5.25
Canton,	"	Emily Carrol,	50.00
"	"	James Murphy,	33.00
State Lunatic Hospital,	"	John W. Marshall,	214.35
" Nautical School,	"	Davis Wade,	19.50
" " "	"	Edgar E. Freeman,	13.00
" " "	"	John P. Leahy,	10.00
Frost & Drake,	"	Leonard Ayers,	20.00
H. D. Howard,	"	" "	19.50
Commonwealth,	"	Lydia S Briggs,	121.50
Tewksbury Almshouse	"	Mary Dickerman,	5.14
Stoughton,	"	James Murphy,	15.00
Tarteus Buck,	"	Silas Shaw,	7.50
J. T. Kimball,	"	" "	3.74
" "	"	Joseph Blanchard	63.55
" "	"	Sarah A. Hersey,	104 00
" "	"	Wm. P. Clapp,	15.94
" "	"	Peter Nelson,	22.50
" "	"	George W. Drake,	21.47
" "	"	Nancy Church,	6 70
" "	"	Mrs. Stedman Allen,	18.75
" "	"	Mrs. Billings Fisher,	6.35
" "	"	Ezra Shaw,	11.18
" "	"	Nancy Wade,	2.33
" "	"	Richmond Carr,	4.00
" "	"	John McCormick,	38.06
Howard & Clark,	"	" "	14.50
Taunton,	"	Ella Dickerman,	55.00
Daniel Reed,	"	James O'Brien,	6.00
O. Ames & Sons,	"	Ezra Shaw,	4.00
" "	"	E. W. Chamberlain,	4.00
F. B. Littlefield,	"	Mrs. Stedman Allen,	20.00
Plymouth,	"	Mrs. Daniel Williams	55.89
"	aid to	Mrs. Stephen Dickerman,	34.00
George Copeland	"	Mary Guild,	15.00
George Cogswell,	Medical attendance,		22.50
			1,448.72
Amount paid and due from other towns,			262.70
Balance,			$1,186.02

TOWN APPROPRIATIONS.

Public Schools,	$4,800.00	
Highways,	2,500.00	
State Tax,	4,080.00	
County Tax,	2,175.55	
Overlay,	223.03	
		$13,778.58

Valuation of the Town, May 1st, 1868.

Real Estate,	847,136	
Personal,	1,094,518	
Total valuation,		$1,941,654
Number of Polls taxed,	883	
Poll Tax,	$1.18	
Rate per cent,	$2.80 on $1,000.00	

Appropriation for Schools.

High School,	$800.00	
Common Schools,	4,000.00	
State School Fund,	208.34	

District No. 1,	No. of Scholars,	57		322.21
" " 2,	"	"	34	257.48
" " 3,	"	"	32	251.85
" " 4,	"	"	24	229.33
" " 5,	"	"	39	271.52
" " 6,	"	"	20	218.13
" " 7,	"	"	378	1,548.99
" " 8,	"	"	55	316,59
" " 9,	"	"	35	260.33
" " 10,	"	"	44	285,65
" " 11,	"	"	30	246,26
			748	$4,208.34

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid John Kimball, selectman, assessor and overseer of poor.		102.00
" " " use of horse and carriage,		23.17
" " " cash expenses,		9.20
" Horace D. Howard, selectman, assessor and overseer of the poor.		76.00
" " " use of horse and carriage,		7.00
" Joseph Barrows, selectman, assessor and overseer of poor.		103.00
" " " use of horse and carriage.		11.60
" " " cash expenses,		3.29
" John Kimball, collecting, recording and returning 87 births, 66 deaths 12 marriages,		37.60
" George G. Withington, school committee,		53.25
" Edward R. Hayward, " "		67.50
" Rufus H. Wills, constable,		14.00
" Hiram Phillips, "		3.00
		$510.61

Guide boards remain same as last year.

JOHN KIMBALL,
HORACE D. HOWARD,
JOSEPH BARROWS,
Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor, of Easton.

Easton, Feb. 1869.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Town of Easton, in account with J. KIMBALL, Treasurer.

Dr. To Paid,—

First National Bank,	note and interest,		1,012.25
North Easton Savings Bank,	note and interest,		1,038.17
H. D. Howard,	" " "		311.75
George Copeland,	aid to Solomon Stone,		68.50
Francis E. Gilmore,	" " "		11.75
H. D. Howard,	" " "		5.75
Bernard Alger,	" " "		7.88
Frost & Drake,	" " "		22.56
George Copeland,	" Betsey Smith,		47.00
H. D. Howard,	" " "		3.00
W. D. Clarke,	" " "		10.00
Daniel Reed,	" " "		7.00
George Copeland,	" Eveline Legrow,		19.50
Frost & Drake,	" " "		6.50
George Copeland,	" Polly Randall,		4.50
H. D. Howard,	" " "		3.00
William E. Drake.	" " "		3.50
Seba Howard,	" " "		3.00
North Bridgewater,	" Mary Mullins,		4.00
"	" Henry S. Dunbar,		41.38
John Kimball,	" " "		7.00
Nicholas Keegan,	" " "		10.50
O. Ames & Son,	" Julia Murphy,		31.45
F. L. Ames,	" " "		29.25
Francis Middleton	" " "		9.25
John Sullivan,	" " "		2.50
E. H. Lothrop,	" " "		7.00
Lemuel Randall,	" " "		5.25
Canton,	" Emily Carrol,		50.00
"	" James Murphy,		33.00
State Lunatic Hospital,	" John W. Marshall,		214.35
" Nautical School,	" Davis Wade,		19.50
" " "	" Edgar E. Freeman,		13.00
" " "	" John P. Leahy,		10.00
Frost & Drake,	" Leonard Ayers,		20.00
H. D. Howard,	" " "		19.50
Commonwealth,	" Lydia S. Briggs,		121.50
Tewksbury State Almshouse,	" Mary Dickerman,		5.14
Stoughton	" James Murphy,		15.00
			3,254.18
Amount carried forward,			$3,254.18

Amount brought forward,				$3,254.18
Tartius Buck,	"	Silas Shaw,	7.50	
J. T. Kimball,	"	" "	3.74	
" "	"	Joseph Blanchard,	63.55	
" "	"	Sarah A. Hersey,	104.00	
" "	"	William P. Clapp,	15.94	
" "	"	Peter Nelson,	22.50	
" "	"	Geo. W. Drake,	21.47	
" "	"	Nancy Church,	6.70	
" "	"	Mrs. Stedman Allen,	18.75	
" "	"	" Billings Fisher	6.35	
" "	"	Ezra Shaw,	11.18	
" "	"	Nancy Wade,	2.33	
" "	"	Richmond Carr,	4.00	
" "	"	John McCormick,	38.06	
Howard & Clarke,	"	" "	14.50	
Taunton,	"	Ella Dickerman,	55.00	
Daniel Reed,	"	James O'Brien,	6.00	
O. Ames & Sons,	"	Ezra Shaw,	4.00	
" "	"	E. W. Chamberlain,	4.00	
F. B. Littlefield,	"	Mrs. Stedman Allen,	20.00	
Dennis S. Drew	"	William P. Clapp,	26.25	
Plymouth,	"	Mrs. Daniel Williams,	55.89	
"	aid to	Mrs. Stephen Dickerman,	34.00	
Geeorge Copeland, aid to		Mary Guild,	15.00	
School Distrct No. 1,			514.35	
" " " 2,			201.61	
" " " 3,			128.25	
" " " 4,			262.00	
" " " 5,			230.20	
" " " 6,			215.52	
" " " 7,			205.45	
" " " 8,			303.52	
" " " 9,			110.88	
" " " 10,			226.37	
" " " 11,			118.75	
A. Gilmore, surveying,			2.00	
Printing reports, &c.,			92.75	
Highway District No. 1, snow bill,			112.90	
" " 2, " "			105.33	
" " " bridge "			62.28	
" " 3, snow "			81.52	
" " 4, " "			37.52	
" " 5, " "			60.85	
" " " bridge "			65.83	
				3,698.59
Amount carried forward,				6,952.77

Amount brought forward,		$6,952.77
Highway District No. 6, snow "	111.97	
" " " bridge "	115.17	
" " 7, " "	15.00	
" " 8, snow "	45.15	
" " " bridge "	80.10	
" " 9 snow "	87.60	
" " 10, " "	97.64	
" " 11, " "	38.25	
Use Town Hall,	60.00	
Francis Dunbar, Warden,	400.00	
Charles A. Southworth, damage of carriage,	25.00	
On account of High School,	607.87	
J. Barrows, repairing Lockup,	7.00	
County tax,	2,175.55	
State "	4,080.00	
Guide boards,	5.75	
School Committee for exchange school books,	37.00	
E. H. Bennett, for services in High School case,	40.00	
State aid to Eliza J. Packard,	96.00	
" " Margaret Slattery,	96.00	
" " George A. Lackey,	120.00	
" " Timothy Murphy,	72.00	
" " Lydia Willis,	96.00	
" " Mary Richards,	48.00	
" " Salome Lothrop,	48.00	
" " Lizzie E. Pool,	96.00	
" " James McEvoy,	168.00	
" " Melinda White,	48.00	
" " Caroline Hill,	96.00	
" " Harriet F. Britton,	96.00	
" " George N. Blanchard,	84.00	
" " Annie Haney,	96.00	
" " Hannah Flaherty.	48.00	
" " Eveline O. Legrow	96.00	
" " Fidelia Phillips,	96.00	
" " Andrew Gradey,	19.50	
Sextons for returning deaths,	5.50	
Mrs. Noah White, school books,	1.47	
6 per cent. on all taxes,	388.71	
J. Kimball, obtaining, recording, indexing and returning 87 births, 67 deaths, 12 marriages	37.60	
Hiram Philips. constable,	3.00	
R. H. Willis, "	14.00	
		9,998.83
Amount carried forward,		16,951,60

Amount brought forward,		$16,951.60
Postage and express,	4.30	
Blank books and stationery,	5.05	
J. Kimball, taxes remitted 1867,	144.07	
Caleb Swan, for services,	20.00	
George G. Withington, school committee,	53.25	
Edward R. Hayward " "	67.50	
Jeremiah Hays, Warden, in part,	150.00	
John Kimball, "	134.37	
Horace D. Howard, "	83.00	
Joseph Barrows, "	117.89	
		779.43
Cash and uncollected tax bills in hands of Treasurer,		4,702.80
		22,433.83

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Balance in Treasury Feb. 1, 1868	2,818.81	
Received Assessors return of taxes,	6,478.57	
" on loan of First National Bank of Easton,	1000.00	
" on loan of North Easton Savings Bank,	1000.00	
" on loan of H. D. Howard.	300.00	
" State Treasurer, for incorporated Stock tax,	8,111.57	
" of State Treasurer for State aid	1,600.00	
" " " " School Fund	208.34	
" of Town Farm,	330.29	
" on account of closing Liquor Agency,	257.77	
" A. W. Thompson, on account liquor sales,	8.40	
" County Commissioners on account liquor license,	25.00	
" of Canton,	132.00	
" of West Bridgewater,	12.38	
" of Dover,	125.00	
" Timothy G. Marshall,	15.00	
" Taunton,	10.70	
		$22,433.83

JOHN KIMBALL, Treasurer,

CONDITION OF THE TREASURY,

Feb. 1st, 1869.

Due School Districts	2,608.00	
" Parish,	60.00	
" J. Hays, Warden, balance	225.00	
		2,893.00

ASSETS.

Cash and uncollected tax bills in hands of Treasurer,	4,702.80	
Due from State for aid to volunteers,	1,700.00	
" " Newton,	139.03	
" " Canton,	94.50	
		6,636.33

Balance in favor of the town, $3,743,33.

LIST OF DEATHS IN 1868.

No.	Date.	Name.	Age. Yrs.	Mos.	Ds.	Disease.
1	Jan. 8,	Ella O. Tinkham,	12	8	10	Diptheria.
2		13, Cyrus Williams,	85	6	26	Old age.
3		18, Albert P. Ennes,	16	5	13	Diptheria.
4		22, Lavina Buck,	21	4	24	Diptheria,
5		26, J. Herman Tinkham	18	2	19	Diptheria,
6		31, Amos Childs,	79	7	27	Old age,
7	Feb. 4,	John Proctor,	3	3		Congestion Lungs.
8		11, Vivian B. Dean,	9	8	7	Diptheria.
9		14, Earnest E. Dean,		2	28	Lung Fever,
10		19, Willie G. Dean,	2	10		Inflamation of lungs and congestion of heart.
11		20, Francis E. Stone,	3	9	20	Diptheria.
12		25, Mary Conroy,		8	7	Lung Fever.
13		29, Thomas Healy,	1	5		Laryngitis, (acute.)
14	Mar. 4,	Julia Healy,	3	5		" "
15		15, Leonard Ayres,	68			Paralysis.
16	Apr. 10	James O'Brien,	33			Lung Fever.
17		17, Isaac B. Crockett,	32	5	12	Liver Disease.
18		17, John Howard,	62	6	20	Chronic Diarrhea.
19		24, Patrick Collins,	45			Lung Fever.
20		25, Luther Sisson,	71	2	17	Consumption.
21	May 2,	Elizabeth McEvoy,	16	6	12	"
22		5, Edward W. Snow,	34	11	3	"
23		11, Michael Connelle,	9		7	Initiation,
24		19, Margaret Johnson	31	9	27	Consumption.
25		21, Charlotte West,				Old age.
26		23, Hannah Ryan,		4	3	Lung Fever.
27		23, Stephen O'Neil,	38			Heart and Liver,
28		29, Jeremiah Donivan,	2	8	22	Ulcerated Throat.
29	June 1,	Zeno Buck,	75			Old age.
30		1, John Reynolds,			8	Congestion Lungs.
31		11, Newel W. Howard,	20	1	6	Phthisis Pul.
32		14, Jeremiah Looney,	34			Consumption.
33		16, Annie Cassidy,	1		2	Convulsions.
34		16, Juliet Reed,	18			Eplilepsy.
35		17, Truax,			1	Premature,
36		17, Ellen Helon,		7	23	Cholera Infantum.

No.	Date.	Name.	Age. Yrs.	Mos.	Das,	Disease.
37		26, Mary Murphy,		3	11	Croup,
38	J'y 16,	Patrick Linehan.	34			Coup de Soliel.
39		25, Martha Watkins,	69	11	27	Hernia,
40		26, Mary C. McKenna,		9	22	Meningetis.
41	Aug 1,	Chloe Knapp,	71	5	5	Paralysis.
42		12, Cynthia Briton,	16	4	6	Consumption.
43		18, Sarah E. Francis	20	10	26	Typhoid Fever.
44		23, Margaret Connell,			23	Inanition.
45		23 Clarisa Turner,	75	11		Paralysis.
46		24, Frederic W. Green,			3	Premature Birth.
47		26, Annie B. White,	3	10	21	Diptheria.
48	Sep. 3,	Daniel Halahan,		1	2	Cholera Infantum.
49		7, Andrew W. Graday,	10	11	4	Diptheria.
50		15, Cornelius Cahill,	33			Chronic Diarrhea.
51		16, Nathaniel Guild,	77	6	24	" Gastritis.
52		20, Elizabeth Linehan,				
53		22, Blaisdell,			1	Premature Birth.
54	Oct. 3,	Nancy Williams,	72	7	24	Paralysis.
55		11, Hannah Turpin,	3		8	Chronic Hydrocephalus.
56		14, Daniel F. M'Donald,	27	6	13	Disease of Heart.
57		15, Fred. W. Wade,		9	29	Cholera Infantum.
58		25, Jerusha H. Watts.	70	3	3	Lung Fever.
59	Nov. 14,	Sarah Mills,	69			Diabetes.
60		14, John Dermody,	9			Unknown.
61		16, Harriet N. Marshall,	52	6	24	Paralysis.
62		23, Susan C. Reed,	51		19	Apoplexy.
63		27, Harriet M. Bartlett,	51			Heart Disease.
64	Dec. 5,	Edward Galagan,	25			Consumption.
65		6, Mary Riley,	11		29	Lung Fever.
66		15, Betsey Smith,	84	9	10	Old Age.
67		26, Henry Lyman Reed,	25		23	Phthisis Pul.

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE

TOWN OF EASTON,

For the year 1868-9.

TAUNTON,
C. A. HACK & SON, PRINTERS, 7 UNION BLOCK.
1869.

REPORT.

The following Report of the condition of the Public Schools of Easton, for the year 1868–9, is respectfully presented by the School Committee:—

OLIVER AMES, 2d,
EDWARD R. HAYWARD,
GEO. G. WITHINGTON,
} *School Committee.*

TEACHERS IN THE SUMMER SCHOOLS.

High School.	Geo. G. Withington, of Easton,—Three terms.	
Dist. No. 1,	Orynthia H. Blaisdell,	Boston,
" " 2,	Georgie Calef,	"
" " 3,	Hattie E. Keith,	Easton,
" " 4,	Ella J, Fullerton,	North Bridgewater,
" " 5,	Dora W. George,	Mansfield,
" " 6,	Nancy C. Kingman,	North Bridgewater.
" " 7,	Oliver Howard,	Easton,
	Mary F. Bliss,	"
	Sarah W. Barrows,	"
Assistants,	Sarah E. Spaulding,	"
	Lucy E. Randall,	"
Dist. No. 8,	Hannah A. Williams,	"
" " 9,	S. Lizzie Howard,	"
" " 10,	Lizzie M. Dolloff,	Monroe, Maine,
" " 11,	Elizabeth W. Deanes,	Easton,

IN THE WINTER SCHOOLS.

High School,	Edward H. Peabody,	South Braintree,
Dist. No. 1,	Orynthia H. Blaisdell,	Boston,
" " 2,	Ellen F. White,	Maine,
	Lucy Mansfield,	Easton,
" " 3,	Hannah A. Williams,	"
" " 4,	L. E. White,	Norton,
	Isaac W. Wilcox,	Taunton,
" " 5,	Mary E. Drake,	Easton,
" " 6,	Nancy C. Kingman,	North Bridgewater,
" " 7,	Oliver Howard,	Easton,
	Mary F. Bliss,	"
	Sarah W. Barrows,	"
	Sarah E. Spaulding,	"
Assistants,	Hattie E. Keith,	"
	Lucy E. Randall,	"
Dist. No. 8,	Melissa L. Britton,	Stoughton,
" " 9,	Edwin H. Lothrop,	Easton,
" " 10,	Mary A. Lincoln,	Norton,
" " 11,	Elizabeth W. Deanes.	Easton.

There were in town, on the 1st of May, 1868, seven hundred forty eight children between the ages of five and fifteen years, showing a gain of forty-four upon the number of the previous census. The whole number of scholars actually attending in the several District Schools has been seven hundred thirty, (730), of whom forty-eight (48) were above fifteen years of age, and six were under five years, from which it appears that of all the children between the ages of five and fifteen years, about ninety (90) per centum were enrolled as scholars. The average attendance of scholars is about seventy-nine (79) per centum of the whole number. The sum of four thousand dollars was appropriated for the maintainance of District Schools, and eight hundred dollars in addition for a High School. The average length of the District Schools, supported by the Town, for the year, has been a fraction over twenty seven weeks. That in District No. 11 alone,

was unable, with the amount falling to its share, to reach the full term required by law. This is accounted for by the fact that the number of children in that District between five and fifteen years of age, is very small in comparison with the number of scholars. The Committee recommend that for the coming year, and hereafter the School money, voted by the Town, be divided with reference to the *average attendance* of scholars in the several schools for the preceeding year, instead of the present manner of division, depending upon the number of children between those ages. This change will not only lead to a more equitable distribution, but will tend to an increase and greater regularity of attendance.

The amount raised for the support of schools, and especially the liberal appropriations of the last annual meeting, are evidence of a desire on the part of our citizens to increase the efficiency of the schools. Many of the Districts have been enabled to add materially, to the length of one or both terms, so that the average for the year is about twenty-seven and one half (27½) weeks instead of the twenty-four (24) required by law. Our schools fail to be all that we would have them, not on account of inadequate support so much as from other causes, which must find a remedy at the hands of Parents and Patrons. We need first of all, their attention to the matter of punctuality and regular attendance. The attendance, according to the Registers, is but seventy-nine per centum of the scholars, amounting to an entire absence of more than one fifth of those who profess to attend. We need also an increased personal interest evinced in frequent visits to the school room, and aquaintance with the work going on there; the importance of which your Committee have constantly urged in their Reports. Those schools are invariably the best where Parents make themselves familiar guests. Their interest awakens that of the pupils, and that of parents and pupils encourages the teacher.

A prime evil may, many times, be traced to the selection, employment and changes of Teachers. We are not disposed to find fault with our Teachers, in most cases their fidelity deserves praise, and they succeed as well as could be expected in the cir-

cumstances in which they are placed. Our complaint is not of individual failures, but of a false and pernicious system. Teachers come among us for one short term of service; rarely they remain, perhaps, two terms, but in general just as they begin to be acquainted with their charge and prepared to work to advantage, some slight prejudice, or preference, or whim, or the mere custom of changing, sets them aside for others.

The following is the detailed Report, required by Statute, of the condition of the several schools. Several of them are unfinished at the time of preparing this report, which is, therefore, necessarily based somewhat upon estimates.

High School.

The High School has been in session four terms of ten weeks each. There being no suitable building erected or readily procurable, it has been kept in different localities, where the use of the school-house, or other place, was tendered by the districts or individuals. The first term was at Easton Centre, with an attendance of fifty-two scholars, at an expense, including purchase of necessary furniture, books and apparatus, of about two hundred dollars ($200); the second term in District No. 1, with twenty (20) scholars, at an expense of one hundred and seventy dollars, ($170); the third term at the Furnace Village, with thirty-five (35) scholars, at an expense of one hundred eighty dollars, ($180) and the fourth term, now unfinished, at North Easton, with twenty seven, (27) scholars, at an expense of probably about two hundred fifty dollars, ($250).

The following Tabular Summary will show the number of scholars from each district, average attendance, &c. during each term.

	Whole number of scholars.	Average attendance.	Over 15 years of age.	Teacher's wages per month	Attendance from Districts.										
					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1st Term,	52	44.3	29	$60	14	3	7	5	1	0	5	0	8	1	8
2d "	20	15.5	10	60	13	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
3d "	35	30.0	28	60		1	9	7	2	1	0	0	1	2	12
4th "	27		12	80		0	0	0	0	0	20	6	0	1	0

As an experiment the success of the School has fully answered expectation. The standard for admission was necessarily placed low, but the pupils have generally exhibited a good degree of interest and emulation, and consequently a fair improvement. The present term is prospering well, under the care of an experienced and successful instructor, whose services the Committee deem themselves fortunate to have obtained, the average attendance being so far very good, and the system of instruction and discipline highly satisfactory

District No. 1.

This District has retained the services of its experienced and accomplished Teacher throughout the year, to the satisfaction of all concerned. Her attention and efforts have been faithfully and impartially devoted to the interests of her pupils, and both in deportment and in the results of study a decided improvement is apparent. The Committee noticed in particular the pains taken and the improvement made in Writing, and the time and care bestowed on Reading, exercises of the first importance and too frequently neglected.

District No. 2.

The Summer Term was in charge of one who seemed thoroughly conversant with the art of governing and teaching, and who brought the school into excellent condition. The discipline was judicious and firm, and though a few were disposed at first to complain of its strictness, the general voice in the District was favorable. The order of the school was, in the judgment of the visiting Committee, better than ever before, and the scholars made good progress in their studies. During the Winter Term, likewise, the order has been good and the recitations thorough. Illness of the Teacher unfortunately interrupted the school for several weeks, and is now continued in charge of Miss Lucy Mansfield, with every prospect of maintaining its good reputation.

District No. 3.

This school was unfortunate the previous Winter, and at the opening of the Summer Term was in a bad condition. The

teacher though making a first attempt under such unfavorable circumstances, was eminently successful, displaying, we think, a decided aptitude for the business. The discipline was vastly improved, and she labored hard to impart instruction. A large number of parents and friends were present at the close of the school, appearing and expressing themselves well pleased.

The Winter term is taught by a well known and esteemed Teacher, with her usual success,—steady progress being apparent in good order and learning. The aim has been to be thorough in the ground passed over. The average attendance is very low during both terms.

District No. 4.

There was some disatisfaction and complaint in the District with regard to the Summer School. The Committee are of the opinion that the Teacher tried to do her full duty to the school, and would have succeeded well but for interference on the part of a few persons. She was not wanting in experience, had met with good success, and under favorable circumstances would, no doubt, have been equally fortunate here. Mr. White taught the Winter term for four weeks and then relinquished the charge, to enter upon another calling. After a week's vacation, the school recommenced in the care of Mr. Isaac W. Wilcox who is so far conducting it in a satisfactory manner.

District No. 5.

Both Teachers employed during the year were without experience. Both were conscientious and faithful, and accomplished all that could reasonably be expected of beginners, in a school of the character of this. Some of the scholars made credible advancement, but there are others among the larger boys to whom decency and self-respect are sadly wanting. We suggest the expediency of employing an experienced disciplinarian, whose first care may be to impart lessons in good breeding. The attendance has been small and irregular.

District No. 6.

This school is small in numbers—too small to create a healthy emulation, which serves as a motive to diligence. The scholars are intelligent and disposed to be orderly. The attendance was very good—the deportment and scholarship gratifying. The Committee were pleased to meet quite a number of visitors at the closing examination.

District No. 7.

The schools at North Easton village at present comprise four departments, namely, Sub-primary, Primary, Intermediate and Grammar, but owing to a want of sufficient and convenient rooms, the classification is very imperfect. A building is now erecting and nearly completed, which will rank among the finest of its class, furnishing ample and elegant accommodations.

Grammar School. This department has for the past year been steadily prosperous, under the care of Oliver Howard, as Principal. He found it in a state of confusion; its rude elements ripe for rebellion, but succeeded by untiring effort and patience in establishing order and inspiring interest. As much improvement has resulted as the generally overcrowded condition of the school-room will permit.

Miss Spaulding held the place of Assistant for two terms and won a high reputation as an earnest and successful Teacher. At the begining of the Fall term she was promoted to the charge of a Sub-primary school then established, and her place occupied by Miss Hattie E. Keith, who also sustained the good reputation achieved in District No. 3, and proved a valuable Assistant. Miss Josie F. Goward is now filling the position, and gives ample satisfaction.

The Intermediate Department has been, since the commencement of the Spring term, in charge of Miss Mary F. Bliss, who has accomplished the work of a capable and conscientious instructress. Frequent changes and transfers in the classes, have in this as well as in the grammar school, in some measures hin-

dered progress, but the fruits of good government and hard study are manifest.

PRIMARY SCHOOL. Miss Sarah W. Barrows has had the care of this overflowing nursery of little ones, with the assistance of Miss Lucy E. Randall. The Teacher possesses a marked talent for displaying her charge to advantage, joined with much skill in maintaining quiet and order, and imparting instruction in a pleasant and attractive manner, winning the ready and cheerful attention of the children. We believe that her abilities are fully appreciated in the District, and by all who have enjoyed a visit to the school. There is greater uniformity here as regards the age and standing of the pupils than in either of the higher departments, and has been less interruption from the coming in of new and backward classes.

SUB-PRIMARY. This school was started during the Fall term, and continues through the present, with Miss Sarah E. Spaulding as Teacher, who succeeds admirably in gaining the attention and interest of those committed to her charge.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

The town of Stoughton with actually little or no pecuniary or other interest in this school, retains control and direction of it every alternate year, of which this is one. We, however, take occasion to speak of its excellent condition and improvement during both terms.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

The good order of the previous Winter prevailed, during the Summer. Exercises of marching, singing, etc., to refresh and enliven the scholars were occasionally introduced with good effects. The appearance and the lessons were good when the school was visited by the Committee. The Teacher of last Winter is in charge of the present Winter term, with a similar gratifying result.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

We cannot speak as favorable as we should be glad to of the Summer term. The Teacher apparently endeavored to do her duty in the school-room, but did not succeed in pleasing the people of the district. The principal matters of complaint seemed to be outside the school. Several scholars were taken away, or suffered to leave, before the close, much to the injury of the school, and lessening its average attendance. The winter term has been a profitable one, characterized by good order and faithful instruction.

DISTRICT NO. 11.

The Committee regard this among the most forward and interesting of our schools. The unflagging energy of the Teacher has called out an answering interest on the part of the pupils. A large number of visitors were present at the close of the Summer term.

GEO. G. WITHINGTON,
For the Committee.

TABLE.

Showing the average attendance for the year 1868, in the several Districts, as a basis for the division of school money, recommended by the Committee, for the coming year.

District	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Average Attend'ce,	41	25	21	21	19	16	272	42	30	28	35

Total average attendance, 550.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

DISTRICT.	Children between 5 and 15 years.	Length of school in weeks.	Whole number of scholars.	Over 15 years of age.	Under 5 years of age.	Average attendance.	Teachers wages per month.	Amount of School Money belonging to each District.	Percentage of attendance.
1. Summer.	57	8	47	2	0	32.	$35.00	$306.252	.68
Winter.		19	66	8	0	50.	40.00		.76
2. Summer.	34	14	27	1	1	23.	29.24	244.755	.85
*Winter.		16	36	6	0	26.	35.00		.72
3. Summer.	32	12	25	1	0	18.7	24.00	239.407	.75
*Winter.		18	36	4	1	23.2	32.00		.64
4. Summer.	24	12	30	0	0	20.3	28.00	218.017	.68
*Winter.		12	25	1	0	22.	40.00		.89
5. Summer.	39	12	28	3	0	18.	26.00	258.124	.64
Winter.		16	28	4	0	19.2	32.00		.70
6. Summer.	20	12	17	0	0	14.8	30.00	207.322	.87
Winter.		14	20	1	1	17.5	30.00		.88
7. Summer.	378	12	338	7	0	265.7	174.00	1,472.234	.79
Fall.		14	345	4	0	278.8	200.00		.81
8. Summer.	55	16	51	5	1	42.4	32.00	300.905	.83
*Winter.		16	48	6	0	42.	36.00		.88
9. Summer.	35	12	34	2	1	25.7	28.00	247.429	.76
*Winter.		12	38	5	0	33.5	43.00		.88
10. Summer.	44	12	37	0	1	29.9	26.00	271.493	.81
*Winter.		20	34	2	0	27.	30.00		.80
11. Summer.	30	12	40	3	0	30.6	33.00	234.060	.77
*Winter.		12	43	7	0	38.8	42.00		.90
Totals,	748	303	730	48	6	550.		3,999.998	
Averages,		27.7					33.07		.79

* Schools unfinished.

NAMES OF SCHOLARS NEITHER ABSENT NOR TARDY.

DISTRICT No. 1.

Cora M. Frost,
Lucia E. Lothrop.
Clara A. Andrews,
Mary C. Randall,
Nellie J. Jones,
Fred. H. Greenleaf,
Channing H. Fairbanks,
Alfred F. Guild, 8

DISTRICT No. 2.

None.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Ella F. Howard,
Lizzie Howard,
Martin E. Pratt,
Geo. W. Hunt,
Frank Wade,
Arthur Pool,
George Pool,
Henry Pool,
Herbert Pool, 9

DISTRICT No. 4.

Katie S. Williams,
*John E. Williams,
Clifton Williams,
Jesse Williams. 4

DISTRICT No. 5.

None.

DISTRICT No. 6.

*Emma Buck,
Lizzie Britton,
*Warren Wilson,
Fred Allen. 4

DISTRICT No. 7.

Hattie Berry,
Louisa Holmes,
Hannah Slattery,
Emma Willis,
Nellie Porter,
*Mary F. Dineen,
Bridget Conroy,
*Annie Russell,
Eliza J. Berry,
Mary L. Gilmore,
Eveline Russell
Jessie F. Russell,
Edith E. Williams,
Michael Healy,
Michael Conroy,
John Heelan,
Ernest Leighton,
*Frank H. Phillips,
Charles J. Phillips,
*Fred. J. Ripley,
Henry W. King, 21

DISTRICT No. 8.

Luella Carr,
Minnie Wells,
Phebe Monk,
Fidelia Packard,
Jerusha Watts,
Romeo Fobes, 6

DISTRICT No. 8.

*Alice M. Drake,
*Mary J. Conway,
Angie L. Leonard,
Herbert Collingwood,
Geo. G. White,
Henry H. Keith,
John D. Conway. 7

District No. 10,	
*Amelia A. Keith,	
Emmaletta Smith,	
*Elsie M. Bean,	
Emma R. Bean,	
Frank E. Randall,	
Ozro S. Randall,	
Lewis Drake,	
*Arthur J. Gooch,	
Athel A Gooch,	
Alphonso F. Gooch,	
George Linehan,	
John Linehan,	12

*Both terms.

District No. 11.	
Hattie Keith,	
Carrie Keith,	
Carrie Sisson,	
Lizzie Needham,	
Ellen McKeon,	
Lizzie Phillips,	
*Evelyn Hayward,	
Thomas Needham,	
Frank Britton,	
Amasa Record.	10
Total,	81

REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN, TREASURER,

AND

ASSESSORS,

OF THE

TOWN OF EASTON,

For the year ending Feb. 1st, 1870.

TAUNTON:
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1870.

REPORT

OF SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS, AND OVERSEERS OF POOR.

The following Report of the financial condition of the town, February 1st, 1870, is respectfully submitted:—

ALMSHOUSE ESTABLISHMENT.

Account of Stock at Almshouse, February 1st, 1870.

16 1-2 tons	English Hay,	446.00
1	" meadow "	10.00
1-2	" straw,	6.00
1	Horse,	90.00
4	Oxen,	525.00
6	Cows,	300.00
1	yearling,	20.00
3	Swine.	60.00
27	Fowls,	27.00
68 bushels	corn,	78.20
30 "	oats,	24.00
5 "	beans,	13.75
1-2 "	peas,	2.25
162 lbs.	bacon,	32.40
600 lbs.	pork,	120.00
200 lbs.	beef,	30.00
100 bushels	turnips,	45.00
175 "	potatoes,	157.50
1 "	beets,	1.00
1-2 "	onions,	1.00
2 "	parsnips,	3.00
1-4 "	cranberries,	1.00
14 bbls.	vinegar,	140.00
15 "	cider,	145.00
1-2 "	scap,	3.00
1-2 "	flour,	4.00
100 lbs.	cabbage,	3.00
95 "	dried apples,	15.20
		2,303.30

Amount brought forward,		$2,303.30
75 lbs. lard,	16.50	
8 " butter,	3.44	
17 " candles,	2.89	
Groceries,	3.40	
		$2,329.53

EXPENDITURES OF ALMSHOUSE.

Paid for groceries,	170.47	
" flour and grain,	284.53	
" salt,	7.82	
" meat and fish,	123.66	
" soap,	14.05	
" clothing and bedding,	92.40	
" furniture,	38.73	
" labor,	184.57	
" farming tools,	49.53	
" repairs on buildings,	24.61	
" grass and garden seeds,	17.31	
" blacksmithing,	19.79	
" stock,	552.87	
" medicine and medical aid,	26.11	
" carriage hire,	4.71	
" school books,	3.06	
" making cider,	12.12	
" grinding grain,	3.61	
" bread,	11.74	
" burial,	11.00	
" fertilizer,	6.92	
" Warden, 12 mos. service,	395.80	
" Town farm tax,	35.93	
" hay, stock, &c., on hand Feb. 1, 1869,	1,406.55	
		$3,497.89

RECEIPTS OF ALMSHOUSE.

497 lbs. butter,	212.88	
Milk,	89.42	
Calves,	64.38	
Hides,	10.35	
Vinegar and cider,	78.36	
Eggs and fowls,	71.24	
Potatoes and turnips,	111.03	
Hay,	96.94	
Work done for individuals,	64.46	
Grain,	15.10	
Meat,	2.80	
		$816.96

Amount brought forward,		$816.96
Apples,	1.00	
Pasture,	8.00	
Candles,	51	
Cranberries,	15.50	
Use of lock up,	1.50	
Cabbage,	51.94	
Peas,	14.30	
Squashes,	15.53	
Use of hearse for 49 funerals in town,	49.00	
" " 6 " out of town,	14.00	
Hay, stock, &c., on hand, Feb. 1, 1870,	2,329.53	
		$3,317.77

Expenditures of Almshouse,	3,497.89
Receipts,	3,317.77
Balance against Almshouse,	$180.12

INMATES OF ALMSHOUSE.

	Age.	Weeks.		Age.	Weeks.
Otis French,	72	52	Ziba Wade,	59	52
Asa Drake,	55	52	David Snow, died,	75	19
Zachary Drake,	77	52	Frederic E. Murphy,	7	36
Hannah Drake,	75	52	Silas Shaw,	73	23
Rebecca Allen,	69	52	Howard Phillips,	33	27
George P. Phillips,	5	52	Rhoda Drake, died,	66	13
George Quinley,	70	8	Mary Dickerman,	56	7
Sarah W. Randall,	71	33	Almah Dickerman,	23	18
Charles M. Randall,	38	8			

Transient Paupers,			18
Admitted the past year,	3	Males,	8
Discharged,	5	Females,	4
Now in Almshouse,	12		
Average number for the year,			11

The Expenditures of the Almshouse exceed the income of the farm one hundred and eighty dollars and twelve cents.

EXPENSES OF POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

George Copeland,	aid to	Solomon Stone,	92.00	
Horace D. Howard,	"	" "	7.00	
George Copeland,	"	Eveline Legrow,	26.00	
" "	"	Mary E. Guild,	39.00	
" "	"	Polly Randall,	13.50	
J. Thomas Kimball,	"	" "	1.75	
" "	"	Dean Ramsdell,	5.85	
" "	"	Geo. W. Drake,	17.05	
" "	"	Sarah A. Hersey,	83.08	
" "	"	Mary McCormick,	58.05	
" "	"	Wm. P. Clapp,	14.41	
" "	"	Stedman Allen,	62	
" "	"	Ezra Shaw,	12.08	
" "	"	Silas Shaw,	7.15	
" "	"	Edward W. Dean,	3.18	
" "	"	Hannah Willis,	5.69	
Edward Williams,	"	Betsey Allen,	39.00	
Ebenezer Randall,	"	Mrs. Stedman Allen,	38.50	
Fred. L. Ames,	"	Julia Murphy,	7.50	
Dennis S. Buck,	"	" "	18.00	
J. Barrows,	"	" "	5.00	
"	"	Mary Kelley,	6.00	
"	"	David Snow,	36.92	
"	"	Mary Kelleher,	1.00	
Jonathan A. Pratt,	"	Edward W. Dean,	2.00	
Lynn,	"	Silence Randall,	50.50	
Plymouth,	"	Mrs. Daniel Williams,	41.26	
State Lunatic Hospital,	"	Cephas F. Williams,	142.80	
" "	"	John W. Marshall,	226.20	
" "	"	Lydia S. Briggs,	75.46	
E. R. Hayward,	"	Melinda White,	11.00	
O. Ames & Sons,	"	Frederic E. Murphy,	13.66	
" "	"	John Kerley,	10.00	
Caleb Swan, medical aid,			22.50	
				1,133.71
Amount paid and due from other towns,				122.08
Balance,				$1011.63

TOWN APPROPRIATIONS.

Appraisal of School District property, viz :—		
No. 1,	1,800.00	
" 2,	175.00	
" 3,	635.00	
" 4,	175.00	
" 5,	150.00	
" 6,	100.00	
" 7,	43,620.00	
" 8,	1,250.00	
" 9,	1,050.00	
" 10,	125.00	
" 11,	1,375.00	
		50,455.00
Building and repairing school houses,		10,000.00
Public schools,		5,200.00
Highways,		3,100.00
State Tax,		5,100.00
County Tax,		2,008.20
Overlay,		2,305.14
		$78,168.34

VALUATION OF THE TOWN,

May 1st, 1869.

Real Estate,	$874,598	
Personal Estate,	1,124,347	
Total valuation,		$1,998,945
Number of polls taxed,	952	
Poll Tax,	$2.00	
Rate per cent.	$34.00 on $1,000	

APPROPRIATIONS FOR SCHOOLS.

High School,	$1,200.00	
Common Schools,	4,000.00	
State School Fund,	223.66	
		$5,423.66

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid John Kimball, selectman, assessor and overseer of poor,		131.00	
" " " conveyances,		15.81	
" " " cash expenses,		19.42	
" " " services as building committee,		20.34	
" Horace D. Howard, selectman, assessor and overseer of poor,		96.00	
" " " conveyances,		10.00	
" " " services as building committee,		13.50	
" Joseph Barrows, selectman, assessor and overseer of poor,		165.00	
" " " conveyances,		39.41	
" " " cash expenses,		22.17	
" " " services as building committee,		9.75	
" John Kimball, collecting, recording and returning 71 deaths, 117 births, 25 marriages, 375,		50.95	
" Rufus H. Willis, constable,		45.00	
" Edward R. Hayward, school committee,		76.25	
" George G. Withington, " "		29.00	
" William L. Chaffin, " "		35.00	
			$778.60

Guide boards undergoing repairs.

We would call the attention of the town to the condition of the Almshouse. The main building is in a dilapidated condition—so far decayed that it is not advisable to make any repairs upon it.

It is evident that the town will always have the poor to provide for; and experience shows that the present manner of doing so is the best yet devised.

We recommend the town to build a suitable Almshouse the current year.

JOHN KIMBALL,
HORACE D. HOWARD,
JOSEPH BARROWS,
} *Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor, of Easton.*

Easton, Feb. 1, 1870.

REPORT OF BUILDING COMMITTEE.

The Committee chosen to build and repair schoolhouses in town, respectfully submit the following report:

The Committee immediately proceeded to the discharge of their duty.

Repairs were made upon the school house near Ebenezer Randall's,	2.25	
" on schoolhouse near Lorenzo Smith's,	14.14	
" " " Caleb Swan's,	39.13	
" " " C. H. Reed's,	57.82	
" " " Asa R. Howard's,	754.34	
Cost of Schoolhouse erected near H. D. Howard's,	2310.68	
Cost of land for schoolhouse, 64 rods,	40.00	
Estimated expense of out-building and leveling land,	75.00	
Cost of schoolhouse erected near A. A. Rotch's,	7,299.23	
" 144 rods of land for same,	240.00	
Estimated expense of fence and leveling land,	175.00	
		$11,007.59

JOHN KIMBALL,
HORACE D. HOWARD,
JOSEPH BARROWS,
OAKES A. AMES,
DANIEL BELCHER,
} *Building Committee.*

Easton, Feb. 1, 1870.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Town of Easton, in account with J. KIMBALL, Treasurer.

Dr. To Paid,—

Remittance to school district,	50,455.00	
Six per cent. on all taxes,	4,192.10	
State tax,	5,100.00	
County tax,	2,008.20	
School Committees' expense of schools,	6,028.06	
State aid to individuals,	1,652.00	
Expense of poor out of Almshouse,	1,133.71	
North Easton Savings Bank, note and interest,	1,014.00	
First National Bank of Easton, " "	1,014.00	
For building and repairing school-houses,	10,757.59	
Horace D. Howard, note and interest,	408.00	
Insurance on Almshouse buildings,	47.50	
Alson Gilmore, for work on swamp road,	100.00	
Town officers' bills,	778.60	
Oliver Ames & Sons, school furniture, &c.	1,214.03	
" " " books, &c.,	21.02	
C. A. Hack & Son, printing,	74.77	
Jeremiah Hays, services as warden,	225.00	
Treasurer of parish, use of Town Hall,	60.00	
Almshouse,	769.91	
County Commissioner, appraising school property,	30.00	
State Treasurer, on account of liquor sales,	8.61	
Repairs of hearse,	10.00	
Instrument for testing oils,	6.50	
Auctioneer, for selling school-house,	5.00	
Stoughton right in Union school-house,	289.00	
Oliver Howard, for school books,	2.00	
H. F. Lothrop, remittance,	4.39	
Sextons for returning deaths,	4.30	
E. W. Gilmore & Co., repairs on school-house,	11.78	
Edward R. Hayward, school fixtures,	35.98	
Postage and express,	5.30	
Blank books and stationery,	9.37	
District No. 1, snow bill,	5.20	
" " 6, " "	6.80	
" " 9, " "	1.65	
Cash and uncollected taxes in hands of Treasurer,	1,677.76	
		$89,167.13

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Balance in Treasury, Feb. 1, 1869,	4,702.80	
Received Assessors return of taxes,	69,868.34	
" on loan of First National Bank of Easton,	1,000.00	
" on loan of North Easton Savings Bank,	1,000.00	
" " " H. D. Howard,	400.00	
" State Treasurer, for incorporated Stock tax,	9,428.08	
" of State Treasurer for State aid,	1,718.15	
" " " " School Fund,	223.66	
" A. W. Thompson, on account of liquor sales,	8.81	
" Timothy G. Marshall,	15.00	
" for school-house, near H. D. Howard's,	280.00	
" Canton for paupers,	94.00	
" Newton " "	187.36	
" Marshfield "	54.00	
" Dog licenses,	186.93	
		$89,167.13

JOHN KIMBALL, Treasurer.

Easton, Feb. 1, 1870.

CONDITION OF TREASURY,

Feb. 1, 1870.

Due for Schools by estimation,	2,000.00	
" Parish,	60.00	
" Warden,	333.33	
		$2,393.33

ASSETS.

Cash and uncollected tax bill in hands of Treasurer,	1,677.76	
Due for State for aid to volunteers,	1,646.00	
" " " incorporated Stock tax,	1,211.25	
		$4,535.01

Balance in favor of the town, $2,141.68.

LIST OF DEATHS IN 1869.

No.	Date.	Name.	Age. Yrs.	Mos.	Ds.	Disease.
1	Jan.	6, Lucy Davis,	28	3	4	Puerperal, Peritonitis.
2		11, William Cahill,	3	6		Diptheria.
3		16, Clarinda C. Foster,	38	2	4	Consumption.
4		24, Thomas O'Keefe,	54	7		Bronchial Pneumonia.
5		25, Mary J. McMullen,	4	10	12	Membraneous Croup.
6		26, Caleb Carr,	2	2	26	Scarlet Fever.
7	Feb.	4, Margaret Twomay,	4	6		Scarlet Fever.
8		5, Hannah McCready,	44	9		Typhoid Fever.
9		17, Amasa Phillips,	60	3	23	Injury, Heart Disease.
10		20, Amelia A. McMullen,	2	2	10	Membraneous Croup.
11		22, William P. Donevan,	3	10	7	
12	Mar.	5, John Ahern,	60			Pneumonia.
13		6, Thomas Hefferman,	86			Pneumonia, Old Age.
14		9, Zachary T. Clark,	21			Consumption.
15		13, Hannah Riordon,	28			Pneumonia.
16		21, Asa W. Packard,	60	5	18	Harmaturia.
17		22, Edward Sullivan,	3	8	16	Albumenia Scarletina.
18		24, Bridget Harlow,	1	11	24	Pneumonia.
19		27, Laura Williams,	73	6	27	Old Age.
20		30, Frank M. Williams,	3	4		Canker Rash.
21	Apr.	1, Lydia M. Wade,			5	Fits.
22		3, Adele Wilson,		9	11	Scarletina, Malignant.
23		3, Herbert D. Wilson,	6	8	8	Scarletina.
24		5, Dennis Leary,	1	9		Scarletina.
25		11, Mary Tracy,	47			Double Pneumonia.
26		15 Hattie F. Belcher,	7	3	9	Congestion of Brain.
27		17, Hannah L. Burrill,	2	2	2	Scarlet Fever.
28		19, Daniel Brady,	7	9		Membraneous Croup.
29		19, Patrick McMullen,		3		Inanition.
30		21, Charles E. Wilson,	8	4	15	Scarlet Fever.
31		25, Mary Nye,	86	3	1	Old Age.
32	May	1, Joanna Moryarty,	34			Peurperal Perelonitis.
33		2, Patrick Brady,	2	9		Diptheria.
34		6, Roxana Williams,	72	4	6	Old Age.
35		8, Eddie F. White,	7	11	19	Scarlet Fever.
36		10, Rhoda Drake,	66			Old Age.
37		10, Julia Sullivan,	35			

No.	Date.	Name.	Age. Yrs.	Mons.	Ds.	Disease.
38		12, Frederick A. Goward,	8	8		Canker Rash.
39		20, Bertha G. Smith,	2	7	9	Scarletina.
40		27, Timothy Conboy,			1	Inanition.
41	June	1, Catherine Conboy,	38			Double Pneumonia.
42		2, Charles L. Gay,	22			Drowning.
43		10, Mary E. Blanchard,	3	1	13	Ulcerated Sore Throat, Croup.
44		12, Hannah Cunningham,	2	10	23	Diptheria.
45		13, Willie C. Lufkin,	1	2	1	Scarletina Convulsions
46		18, Orman F. Lothrop,	10	5	26	Cerebro Spinal Mem.
47		21, Margaret Linehan,	3			Scarletina.
48		23, David Snow,	74	8	4	Acute Bronchitis.
49		28, Charles Dean,	73		27	Apoplexy.
50	July	16, Howard,				Still Born.
51		16, John J. Murray,		3	26	
52		26, Willie E. Dickerman,		9		Cholera Infantum.
53	Aug.	6, Harrison Pool,	53	4		Chronic Inflamation of Liver Dropsy.
54		9, Mary Riley,	23			
55		9, Wade Dailey,	86	6	11	Old Age.
56		13, Rhoda K. Roteh,	56	2	20	Burns.
57		25, Michael J. Riordon		1	21	
58		30, Stephen F. Howard,	65	4	22	Erysipelas.
59	Sep.	6, Eliza A. Oglesby,	50	1	6	Phthisis.
60		6, James Hughes,	15	8	3	Consumption.
61		17, Wade,			8	Inanition.
62		9, Norman E. Monk,		6	27	Cholera Infantum.
63		10, Sarah A. Hewitt,	56	2	6	Consumption Pall.
64		18, Bridget McCadden,	18			Typhoid Fever.
65		24, Augustus S. Ripley,	38		9	Consumption.
66		25, John Reed,	56			Chronic Gastritis.
67	Oct.	17, Mary E. Willis,			2	Bleeding from throat, and Lungs.
68		19, Emma Hoxie,	20	1	7	Typhoid Pneumonia,
69		20, Ellen E. H. Willis,	22	7	16	Peurperal Fever.
70	Dec.	8, John Fitzpatrick,	35	3		Consumption.
71		21, Packard,			1	Inanition.
72		29, Betsey Kinsley,	82	6	8	Old Age.

REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN, TREASURER,

AND

ASSESSORS,

OF THE TOWN OF EASTON,

For the year ending Feb. 1st, 1871.

TAUNTON, MASS.,
C. A. HACK & SON, PRINTERS, 7 UNION BLOCK,
1871.

REPORT

OF SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF POOR.

The following Report of the financial condition of the town, February 1st, 1871, is respectfully submitted :

ALMSHOUSE ESTABLISHMENT.

Account of Stock at Almshouse, February 1st, 1871.

13 1-2 tons	English Hay,	405.00
5 1-2 "	meadow "	60.00
1 horse,		90.00
2 oxen,		300.00
6 cows,		300.00
1 two-year-old,		30.00
1 yearling,		20.00
4 swine,		50.00
26 fowls,		26.00
5 1-2 bushels	meal,	5.50
4 1-4 "	beans,	11.68
2 1-2 "	beets,	1.25
52 bushels	corn,	54.60
2 "	oats,	1.55
75 "	turnips,	56.25
267 "	potatoes,	267.00
4 "	carrots,	2.00
4 "	parsnips,	4.00
1-2 "	onions,	1.00
270 lbs.	bacon,	45.90
500 "	pork,	75.00
425 "	beef,	55.25
18 bbls.	vinegar,	144.00
20 "	cider,	65.00
		$2,070.98

Amount brought forward,		$2,070.98
1-2 bbl. pickles,	8.00	
1-2 " flour,	4.50	
1 bbl. apples,	3.00	
150 lbs. dried appples,	18.00	
42 " sausages,	8.40	
42 " candles,	5.88	
47 " butter,	21.15	
60 " lard,	10.80	
20 " tallow,	2.40	
Groceries,	6.00	
		$2,159.11

EXPENDITURES OF ALMSHOUSE.

Paid for groceries,	189.27	
" flour and grain,	485.87	
" meat and fish,	71.28	
" clothing and bedding,	123.92	
" furniture,	68.40	
" labor,	283.71	
" farming tools,	34.85	
" repairs on buildings,	174.76	
" grass and garden seeds,	23.58	
" blacksmithing,	26.39	
" stock,	121.50	
" medicine and medical aid,	16.32	
" carriage hire,	1.55	
" making cider,	21.60	
" grinding grain,	2.61	
" bread,	12.38	
" burials,	21.00	
" fertilizer,	18.36	
" coal,	9.50	
" fencing,	6.01	
" town farm tax,	15.14	
" Warden, 12 mos. service,	300.00	
" hay, stock, &c., on hand Feb. 1, '70,	2,329.53	
		$4,357.53

RECEIPTS OF ALMSHOUSE.

769 1-2 lbs. butter,	343.78	
Milk,	139.61	
Calves,	59.45	
Swine,	64.50	
Hides,	9.17	
Vinegar and Cider,	74.31	
Eggs and Fowls,	94.71	
Potatoes and Turnips,	119.10	
Hay,	54.25	
Work done for individuals,	97.40	
Grain,	16.58	
Meat,	18.12	
Apples,	4.82	
Candles,	.92	
Peas,	23.90	
Stock,	322.00	
Lard,	8.40	
Boarders,	32.56	
Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1870,	9.45	
Use of hearse for 31 funerals in town,	39.00	
" " 3 " out of town,	5.00	
Hay, stock, &c., on hand Feb. 1, 1871,	2,159.11	
		$3,696.14
Expenditures of Almshouse,	4,357.53	
Receipts,	3,696.14	
Balance against Almshouse,	$661.39	

Much of the increased expenditures were occasioned by substantial improvements upon the farm, buildings and household furniture.

INMATES OF ALMSHOUSE.

	Age.	Weeks.		Age.	Weeks.
Otis French,	73	52	Sarah W. Randall,	72	52
Asa Drake,	56	52	Rebecca Allen,	70	46
Zachary Drake, died,	78	27	Almah Dickerman,	24	25
Hannah Drake,	76	52	Howard Phillips,	34	9
Ziba Wade,	60	52	George P. Phillips,	6	9
Silas Shaw,	74	52	Sam'l Cordner, died,	84	30
Charles M. Randall,	39	52	Frederic E. Murphy,	8	6
Francis A. Phillips,	60	1	Eliza Leonard,	65	10
Transient paupers,					18

Admitted the past year,	4	Males,	6
Discharged,	3	Females,	5
Now in Almshouse,	11		

Average number for the year, 10 1-2

EXPENSES OF POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

George Copeland,	aid to	Solomon Stone,	104.00	
" "	"	Eveline Legrow,	4.77	
" "	"	Mary E. Guild,	39.00	
J. Thomas Kimball,	"	Edward W. Dean,	11.38	
" "	"	Ezra Shaw,	12.18	
" "	"	Geo. W. Drake,	16.86	
" "	"	Mary McCormick,	79.08	
" "	"	Sarah A. Hersey,	65.89	
" "	"	William P. Clapp,	6.73	
" "	"	Geo. E. Briggs,	5.27	
" "	"	Fred. E. Murphy,	3.58	
Oliver Ames & Sons,	"	Cornelius Ryan,	25.00	
" "	"	Nancy Wade,	2.00	
" "	"	James Tole,	1.74	
" "	"	Ann McEvoy,	20.00	
" "	"	Julia Murphy,	5.50	
Joseph Barrows,	"	John Conell,	13.50	
" "	"	James Tole,	15.50	
" "	"	Charles Hardy,	2.00	
				$433.98

Amount brought forward, $433.98

Joseph Barrows,	aid to	Julia Lyons,	15.00	
" "	"	Honora Ryan,	68.00	
" "	"	Nath. B. Lincoln,	24.00	
Edward Williams,	"	Betsey Allen,	26.00	
Fred. L. Ames,	"	Julia Murphy,	11.00	
Abijah Tisdale,	"	" "	30.00	
John Sullivan,	"	" "	5.00	
Josiah H. Goward,	"	" "	20.00	
Tisdale Harlow,	"	" "	6.50	
John Kimball,	"	Laura Pierce,	30.00	
" "	"	Henry S. Dunbar,	6.00	
Ichabod Dean,	"	Charles F. Ripley,	6.00	
Samuel Deans,	"	Geo. E. Briggs,	4.00	
Louisa Phillips,	"	Emily Carroll,	10.50	
Uriah H. Reed,	"	Nancy Wade,	10.00	
" "	"	Charles Hardy,	13.37	
B. E. Donham,	"	Nath. B. Lincoln,	6.00	
Robert Porter Jr.,	"	" "	3.75	
Stoughton,	"	" "	14.00	
Canton,	"	Emily Carroll,	28.00	
Lynn,	"	Silence Randall,	34.00	
North Bridgewater,	"	Henry S. Dunbar,	23.00	
" "	"	Hannah A. Drake,	22.35	
Joseph Billings,	"	Ellen M. Torrey,	25.00	
State Nautical School,	"	John Sullivan,	15.56	
" " "	"	Daniel Kelley,	15.56	
" Lunatic Hospital,	"	J. W. Marshall,	215.64	
" " "	"	C. F. Williams,	208.78	
George B. Coggswell,			33.75	
				$1,361.74
Amount paid and due from other towns,				128.89
Balance,				$1,232.85

TOWN APPROPRIATIONS.

New road,	500.00	
High School,	1,200.00	
Common School,	5,200.00	
Conveying scholars to school,	100.00	
Repairing school house yards,	250.00	
Moving school house,	350.00	
State tax,	5,100.00	
County tax,	1,840.85	
Highways,	3,000.00	
State school fund,	305.18	
Overlay,	170.67	
		$18,016.70

VALUATION OF THE TOWN.

May, 1st. 1870.

Real Estate,	967.971	
Personal Estate,	1,306.307	
Total valuation,		$2,274.278
Number of polls taxed,	1001	
Poll Tax,	$1.55	
Rate per cent.	$3.50 on $1,000	

TOWN OFFICERS.

John Kimball, selectman, assessor and		
" " overseer of the poor,	180.00	
" " conveyances,	34.26	
" " cash expenses,	7.10	
Horace D. Howard, selectman, assessor, and		
" " overseer of poor,	138.50	
" " conveyances,	25.50	
" " cash expenses,	3.25	
Joseph Barrows, selectman, assessor, and		
" " overseer of poor,	184.50	
" " conveyauces,	5.30	
" " cash expenses.	1.00	
John Kimball, collecting, recording and returning 41 deaths, 100 births, 21 marriages,	41.20	
Rufus H. Willis, constable,	23.00	
George G. Withington, school committee,	78.43	
William L. Chaffin,	34.00	
		$756.04

Guide boards in good condition.

JOHN KIMBALL,
HORACE D. HOWARD,
JOSEPH BARROWS.
} *Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of Poor, of Easton.*

Easton, Feb. 1, 1871.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Town of Easton, in account with J. KIMBALL, Treasurer.

Dr. To Paid,—

State tax,	5,100.00	
County tax,	1,840.85	
School committee, expense of schools,	6,268.98	
State aid to individuals,	1,753.00	
Expense of poor out of Almshouse,	1,361.74	
First Nat. Bank of Easton, 2 notes and int.	1,520.35	
Six per cent on all taxes,	570.69	
North Easton Savings Bank, note and int.	1,834.87	
Town officers, bills,	756.04	
C. A. Hack & Son, printing,	94.00	
Treasurer of parish, use of town hall,	60.00	
Auctioneer, selling school houses,	10.00	
J. Kimball, remittance on taxes 1868,	50.15	
Alson Gilmore, surveying,	3.00	
Sextons, for returning 29 deaths,	2.90	
Postage and express,	4.04	
Blank books and stationery,	19.83	
T. Hobson, services as warden,	400.00	
E. B. Bird, building road,	690.00	
Daniel W. Dean, moving school house,	350.00	
S. & S. D. Simpson, runners for hearse and repairs of hearse,	44.00	
J. F. Pierce, hearse harness,	40.00	
N. W. Perry, for guide boards and painting,	80.70	
H. D. Howard, setting guide board posts,	6.05	
E. N. Morse, " " "	6.00	
E. N. Morse, gravel,	5.48	
Town farm,	425.62	
O. Ames & Sons, rep's of school house, No. 7,	53.08	
" " " " No. 6,	7.50	
Daniel Belcher, " " No.11,	30.25	
George C. Belcher, " " "	6.00	
George Rollins, " " "	2.00	
John Twomay, " " "	5.12	
William W. Cole, fence, " "	23.74	
Edward W. Hayward, " "	32.64	
Amount,		23,458.62

Amount brought forward,		23,458.62
Charles Hayward, " "	138.25	
" " " No. 10,	42.25	
Charles E. Keith, " "	103.75	
Horace D. Howard, " No. 2,	28.94	
George Wilbar, " "	50.00	
Everett Randall, " No. 10,	1.15	
Nathaniel Clark, " No. 1,	2.00	
Boston Journal, printing,	4.52	
Administering oath,	.50	
D. A. Clark, committee,	5.00	
District No. 1, snow bill,	57.50	
" " 2, "	63.05	
" " 3, "	23.00	
" " 4, "	25.54	
" " 5,	58.13	
" " 6,	64.10	
" " 8,	15.70	
" " 9,	34.82	
" " 10,	68.10	
" " 11,	29.95	
Cash and uncollected tax bills in hand of Treasurer,	1,929.31	
		$26,204.18

Cr.

Balance in Treasury Feb. 1, 1870,	1,677.76	
Received Assessors' return of taxes,	9,511.52	
" on loan of First National Bank of Easton,	1,500.00	
" on loan of North Easton Savings Bank,	1,800.00	
" of State Treasurer for Incorporated Stock Tax,	9,153.96	
" of State Treasurer for pauper,	10.00	
" " " " State aid,	1,600.00	
" " " School Fund,	305.18	
" of County Treasurer, dog licenses,	193.03	
" of North Bridgewater,	4.00	
" of Lakeville,	5.85	
Amount,		25,761.28

Amount brought forward,		25,761.28
Received for sale of school prop'ty in Dist. 4,	134.25	
" " " " " 5,	79.75	
" " " " " 10,	148.88	
" " " " " 11,	65.00	
" of Timothy G. Marshall,	15.00	
		$26,204.18

JOHN KIMBALL, Treasurer.

Easton, Feb. 1, 1871.

The subscriber, auditor of the accounts of the treasurer of the town of Easton for the year ending Feb. 1, 1871, has examined the accounts of John Kimball, Treasurer, with care, and has found the same correctly cast and properly vouched with auditable entries.

FRED. L. AMES, Auditor.

Easton, Feb. 8, 1871.

CONDITION OF TREASURY,

Feb. 1, 1871.

Balance in the Treasury, for schools,	1,596.18	
Due Parish,	60.00	
Due Warden,	300.00	
		$1,956.18

ASSETS.

Cash and uncollected tax bills in hands of Treasurer,	1,929.31	
Due for State aid,	1,761.00	
" from Mansfield,	39.00	
" " Newton,	65.89	
" " Rehoboth,	5.27	
		$3,800.47
Balance in favor of the town,		$1,844.47

LIST OF DEATHS IN 1870.

No.	Date.	Name.	Age. Yrs.	Mos.	Days.	Disease.
1	Jan. 1,	Harriet L. Phillips,	30	11	3	Consumption.
2	10,	George W. J. Swan,	33	3	2	Gastritis.
3	13,	Albert Stone,		3	15	Lagryetis.
4	Feb. 1,	James McMullen,	1	2		Pneumonia.
5	Mar. 10,	Frederica K. Beatley,		7	24	Scarlet Fever.
6	18,	Caleb Swan,	75	5	26	Erysipelas.
7	19,	John O'Connell,	45			Pneumonia.
8	21,	Franklin A. White,	2	4	15	Kidney Disease.
9	22,	Susannah Howard,	87	10	15	Old Age.
10	26,	Mary Harkins,	75			Old Age.
11	Apr. 4,	Sarah T. McDavitt,		2	4	Inanition.
12	20,	George E. Reed,	15	8	8	Cephalitis.
13	May 8,	Cornelius Ryan,	35			Consumption.
14	June 10,	Michael Collins,	39	7		Consumption.
15	17,	Carrie Howard,			25	Heart Disease.
16	23,	Mindwell Randall,	84	4	15	Old Age.
17	July 1,	Honora Reardon,	1	10	16	Paralysis Brain.
18	18,	Mary E. Collins,		6	18	Chol. Infantum.
19	23,	Lucy A. Burt,	25	10	23	Hydrothorax.
20	Aug. 1,	——— Sisson,		4	5	———
21	3,	Margaret Healey,	12	8		Typhoid Fever.
22	4,	Zachary Drake,	77			Old Age.
23	6,	Susannah Lincoln,	88	2	13	Old Age.
24	10,	——— Dickerman,			10	———
25	10,	Willie T. Burrill,		7	10	Ac'te Meningola
26	10,	Ann Donivan,	96			Old Age.
27	13,	Ambrose J. Middleton,		2		Consumption.
28	15,	——— Packard,			1	Inanition.
29	20,	Vesta Martis,	79	10	16	Old Age.
30	29,	James Toal,	22	3	23	Consumption.
31	31,	John Murphy,	48		22	Cholera Morbus
32	Sep. 12,	Martha Blaisdell,	55	6	9	Consumption.
33	17,	George E. Keith,	4	5	9	Burn.

No.	Date.	Name.	Age. Yrs.	Mos.	Days.	Disease.
34	Oct. 2,	Herbert F. Ladd,		7	21	Dysentery.
35	15,	Hannah Perry,	82			Old Age.
36	16,	Michael Reardon,	1			———
37	16,	Honora Shehan,	2	11	21	Gastro Intritis.
38	18,	Ruth Dailey,	81	5		Old Age.
39	24,	Robert Lunn,	66	5		Apoplexy.
40	Dec. 5,	Catherine Allen,	68			Pneumonia.
41	24,	Samuel Cordner,	84			Old Age.

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ALMSHOUSE ESTABLISHMENT.

Account of Stock at Almshouse, Feb. 1, 1872.

12 1-2	tons English Hay,	437 50	
5 1-2	" meadow "	99 00	
1-2	" straw,	12 00	
1	horse,	70 00	
7	cows,	245 00	
1	two-year-old,	25 00	
5	swine,	66 00	
31	fowls,	31 00	
78	bushels corn,	74 10	
8	" meal,	13 44	
2	" oats,	1 35	
8 1-2	" rye,	9 35	
4 3-4	" beans,	14 00	
4	" fine feed,	3 70	
267	" potatoes,	200 25	
85	" turnips,	55 25	
8	" carrots,	4 00	
4 1-2	" parsnips,	4 50	
15	" beets,	8 00	
1 1-4	" onions,	1 25	
27	barrels vinegar and cider,	243 00	
1	" flour,	9 25	
1-4	bbl. soap,	1 20	
3-4	" pickles,	10 00	
	Amount carried forward,		1,638 14

Amount brought forward,		1,638 14
318 lbs. bacon,	41 34	
650 lbs. pork,	71 50	
225 " beef,	20 25	
100 " dried apples,	14 00	
46 " sausages,	6 90	
16 " candles,	2 24	
64 " butter,	22 40	
65 " lard,	9 10	
Groceries,	6 30	
		$1,832 17

EXPENDITURES OF ALMSHOUSE.

Paid for groceries,	161 23	
" flour and grain,	493 66	
" meat and fish,	81 39	
" clothing and bedding,	56 99	
" furniture,	52 65	
" labor,	424 85	
" farming tools,	36 20	
" repairs on buildings,	33 97	
" garden and grass seed,	16 64	
" blacksmithing,	19 69	
" stock,	245 50	
" grass,	12 00	
" medicine and medical aid,	22 90	
" carriage hire,	3 60	
" making cider,	4 24	
" grinding grain,	2 19	
" bread,	8 30	
" burials,	24 50	
" fertilizers,	16 25	
" coal,	17 75	
" town farm tax,	29 38	
" soap,	14 00	
" Warden's salary,	400 00	
" hay, stock, &c., on hand Feb. 1, '71,	2,159 11	
		$4,336 99

RECEIPTS OF ALMSHOUSE.

992 lbs. butter,	390 66	
Milk,	121 34	
Calves,	87 65	
Hides,	4 64	
Vinegar and cider,	49 42	
Eggs and fowls,	129 00	
Potatoes and Turnips,	295 75	
Hay,	261 81	
Work done for individuals,	99 95	
Grain,	10 91	
Meat,	13 09	
Garden vegetables,	37 78	
Lard,	3 34	
Boarders,	270 29	
Stock,	437 57	
Wood,	10 94	
Lumber,	5 21	
Wagon sold,	15 00	
Horse and carriage,	5 14	
Use of hearse for 34 funerals in town,	40 00	
" " 5 " out of town,	15 50	
Hay, stock, &c., on hand Feb. 1, 1872,	1,832 17	
		$4,137 16

Expenditures of Almshouse,	4,336 99	
Receipts "	4,137 16	
Balance against Almshouse,		$199 83

INMATES OF ALMSHOUSE.

	Age.	Weeks.		Age.	Weeks.
Otis French,	74	52	Sarah W. Randall,	73	52
Asa Drake,	57	52	Rebecca Allen,	71	52
Hannah Drake,	77	52	Almah Dickerman,	25	32
Ziba Wade, died,	60	10	Eliza Leonard,	66	7
Silas Shaw, "	74	20	Lemuel Terrill, died,	79	3
Charles M. Randall,	40	23	Billings Fisher,	54	2
Francis A. Phillips,	61	4	Mary Dickerman,	62	3
			Transient paupers,		16
Admitted the past year,		3			
Discharged,		8	Males,		8
Now in Almshouse,		6	Females,		6

Average number for the year, 7 4-13

EXPENSES OF POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

George Copeland,	aid to	Solomon Stone,	104 00	
" "	"	Mary E. Guild,	39 00	
" "	"	Charles H. Smith,	15 00	
J. T. Kimball,	"	Ezra Shaw,	8 21	
" "	"	Lemuel Terrill,	5 00	
" "	"	Chas. W. Randall,	25 00	
" "	"	Geo. E. Briggs,	26 00	
" "	"	Wm. C. Clapp,	13 02	
" "	"	Mary McCormick,	82 18	
" "	"	Sarah A. Hersey,	27 86	
" "	"	Bridget Kerley,	4 04	
" "	"	Hannah Willis,	7 43	
" "	"	Jeremiah Bonney,	1 50	
" "	"	Betsey Allen,	26 00	
" "	"	Charles B. Talbot,	2 98	
" "	"	Geo. W. Drake,	13 09	
" "	"	Dean K. Leonard,	43 78	
" "	"	Cassandra Leonard	10 00	
" "	"	Sarah Swift,	112 72	
Samuel Deans	"	Geo. E. Briggs,	2 50	
" "	"	Dean K. Leonard,	9 00	
Amount carried forward,				578 31

Amount brought forward,				578 31
Samuel Deans,	aid to	Hannah Randall,	1 34	
" "	"	Bridget Kerley,	16 15	
Mary Randall,	"	" "	43 00	
F. B. Littlefield,	"	Hannah Willis,	28 00	
Lucy A. Reed,	"	Wealtha Bonney,	25 00	
" "	"	Ira W. Bonney,	30 57	
Susan Bonney,	"	" "	20 00	
Timothy G. Marshall,	"	John Kerley,	3 50	
Lemuel Wilbar,	"	" "	7 50	
Frank Albro,	"	Geo. E. Briggs,	3 00	
Plymouth,	"	Laura McMahon,	49 50	
Lynn,	"	Silence Randall,	26 00	
State Lunatic Hospital,	"	C. F. Williams,	216 62	
" " "	"	John W. Marshall,	225 22	
Worcester "	"	Wm. H. Reed,	40 85	
State Nautical School,	"	John Sullivan,	6 50	
" " "	"	Daniel Kelley,	6 50	
George B. Cogswell,	"	Wealtha Bonney,	4 94	
J. Barrows,	"	Honora Ryan,	84 00	
"	"	Julia Murphy,	60 00	
"	"	Clara Warren,	1 45	
Charles T. Wade,	"	Chas. H. Smith,	2 00	
F. L. Ames,	"	John Kerley,	5 00	
O. Ames & Sons,	"	Mary McEvoy ,	60 00	
" "	"	Robt. Stephenson,	20 45	
Daniel L. Randall, medical aid,			20 00	
				$1,585 40
Amount paid and due from other towns,				279 53
Balance,				$1,305 87

TOWN APPROPRIATIONS.

New roads,	1,250 00	
High School,	1,200 00	
Common School,	5,200 00	
State Tax,	5,100 00	
County tax,	2,342 90	
Amount carried forward,		15,092 90

Amount brought forward,		15,092 90
Highways,	3,000 00	
Moving School-house,	200 00	
For School-house,	1,200 00	
Teams, &c., for roads,	1,300 00	
Decoration of soldiers' graves,	100 00	
Repairs of School property,	300 00	
Overlay,	553 55	
		$21,746 45

VALUATION OF THE TOWN.

MAY 1ST, 1871.

Real Estate,	1,000,996 00	
Personal Estate,	1,120,151 00	
Total valuation,		$2,121,147 00
Number of polls taxed,	974	
Poll Tax,	$2 00	
Rate per cent.	$7 00 on $1,000 00	

ROAD DEPARTMENT.

Amount raised and appropriated for repairs upon Roads and Bridges at the annual town meeting,		$3,000 00
Amount expended, including keeping horses to Feb. 1st, 1872,		3,092 96
Loads of gravel put upon roads,	6,627	
Rods of road under paved,	25	
Miles of bushes mowed,	10	

Railings were erected at an expense of $115 50, and other general work performed.

Part of the appropriation of $1,300 00 for purchasing teams and tools for working on the roads, was expended as follows, viz.,

Four horses,	$550 00	
Four carts,	314 00	
Five harnesses,	159 25	
One road scraper,	36 00	
Other implements,	115 17	
		$1,174 42

Two horses have been sold for $300 00,—the cost price. The other two horses are now owned by the town.

New roads were built in the town the past year at an expense of $1,167 95, for which appropriations were made.

At North Easton,	645 00	
Near G. W. Hayward's,	225 95	
" H. M. Pool's,	122 00	
" G. W. Safford's,	175 00	
		$1,167 95

Several pieces of land have been bought or leased for obtaining gravel at such points as seemed desirable and convenient.

Guide boards are in good condition.

TOWN OFFICERS.

John Kimball, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor,	151 00	
" " Conveyance,	27 35	
" " Cash expenses,	12 20	
Horace D. Howard, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor,	140 50	
" " Conveyance,	25 00	
" " Cash expenses,	7 60	
Joseph Barrows, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor,	163 62	
" " Conveyance,	16 68	
John Kimball, collecting, recording and returning 52 deaths, 116 births, 25 marriages,	47 65	
Rufus H. Willis, Constable,	17 50	
Wm. L. Chaffin, School Committee,	67 50	
Albert A. Rotch, " "	39 00	
Danl. M. Dailey, Sealer of Weights, &c., 2 yrs.	50 00	
		$765 60

JOHN KIMBALL,
HORACE D. HOWARD,
JOSEPH BARROWS,
} *Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of Poor, of Easton.*

Easton, Feb. 1st, 1872.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Town of Easton in acct. with J. KIMBALL, Treasurer.

Dr. To Paid,—

State tax,					5,100 00
County tax,					2,342 90
School Committee,					7,098 47
State aid to individuals,					1,643 50
Expense of poor out of Almshouse,					1,585 40
First Natl. Bank, Easton, 3 notes and int.					4,564 99
John Kimball,	2	"	"	"	3,131 25
George F. King,	1	"	"	"	1,356 87
Horace D. Howard,	1	"	"	"	308 75
Emory Goward,	1	"	"	"	151 75
Town officers' bills,					765 60
Use of Town Hall,					60 00
J. Kimball, remittance 1869–70,					118 54
Expenses of roads and bridges,					3,092 96
E. N. Morse, lease of gravel pit,					50 00
George Copeland " " "					25 00
Daniel W. Dean, moving school house,					200 00
Teams, implements, &c., for roads,					1,174 42
Insurance on school houses,					619 00
Decoration of soldiers' graves,					100 00
Macy Records, injuries on highway,					300 00
Thaxter D. Hervey, fencing,					5 84
Daniel A. Clarke, guide board,					75
N. W. Perry, repairs on hearse,					7 50
F. E. Gilmore, surveying,					10 50
Six per cent. on taxes,					1,007 78
Sextons, returning 33 deaths,					3 30
Stationary, postage and express,					6 98
School-house repairs, Dist. No. 4,					22 99
" " new,	"	6,			1,961 90
" " repairs	"	7,			169 07
" " "	"	9,			13 40
" " "	"	10,			140 80
Repairs on Almshouse barn,					339 99
Snow bill,					70 96
Surveyor's bills, 1870,					433 64
Printing,					381 65

Repairs of road near G. W. Hayward's,	225 95	
" " " H. M. Pool's,	102 00	
" " " G. W. Safford's,	15 00	
New road at North Easton,	545 00	
Balance,	131 67	
		$39,386 07

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Balance in Treasury,	$1,929 31	
Received of Marshfield,	39 00	
" George F. King, on loan,	1,300 00	
" J. Kimball, "	3,000 00	
" First Natl. Bank of Easton, do.	4,500 00	
" H. D. Howard, do.	300 00	
" E. Goward, do.	150 00	
" Newton,	132 00	
" Assessors' returns of taxes,	16,796 45	
" State Treasurer on account State aid,	1,700 00	
" " Incor. Stock tax,	5,069 68	
" " Bank "	2,888 01	
" 2 horses sold,	300 00	
" State School fund,	230 44	
" On account of dogs,	242 42	
" O. Ames & Sons on acct high wys.	608 76	
" Town farm,	200 00	
		$39,386.07

JOHN KIMBALL, Treasurer.

Easton, Feb. 1, 1872.

The subscriber, Auditor of the accounts of the Treasurer of the Town of Easton for the year ending Feb. 1, 1872, has examined the accounts of John Kimball, Treasurer, with care, and has found the same correctly cast and properly vouched with suitable entries.

GEO. W. KENNEDY, Auditor.

Easton, Feb. 12, 1872.

CONDITION OF TREASURY.

Feb. 1, 1872.

Due for Schools,	1,728 15	
Parish,	60 00	
for road,	160 00	
Warden,	400 00	
Stoneham,	35 00	
North Bridgewater.	25 00	
		2,408 15

ASSETS.

Uncollected taxes,	131 67	
Due for State aid,	1,704 50	
from Marshfield,	39 00	
" Mansfield,	103 22	
" Rehoboth,	36 67	
" Taunton,	72 78	
		$2,087 84
Balance against the Town,		$420.31

LISTS OF DEATHS IN 1871.

No.	Date,	Name.	Age. Yrs.	Mos.	Days.	Disease.
1	Jan. 1,	——— Doherty,			1	Inanition.
2	3,	Clinton H. Drake,	1	3	19	Gastritis.
3	15,	Elizabeth Kelley,	66	9	27	Soft. of Brain.
4	15,	Emily Guppy,	48	1		Heart Disease.
5	21,	Nathan Hervey,				
6	24,	Betsey Lillie,	74			Paralysis.
7	25,	Ann Orall,	81			Old Age.
8	28,	Bezalcel Hall,	84	4	24	Old Age.
9	Feb. 5,	Michael Conroy,	2	4	7	Brgts. Disease
10	9,	Mary Twohig,	50			Pneumonia.
11	17,	James Twohig,	24			Pneumonia.
12	Mch. 28,	Rebecca Towne,	62	1		Typhoid Fever
13	April 6,	Joseph Ripley,	82	6	11	Old Age.
14	9,	John F. Stevenson,	41		1	Consumption.
15	10,	Ziba Wade,	62	6	7	Apoplexy.
16	15,	Hiram Thayer,	45		25	Dipsomania.
17	22,	Michael McReady,	30			Consumption.
18	23,	Lucius Darling,	42			Brain Fever.
19	May, 7,	——— Linehan,			1	———
20	17,	John M. Mills,	70	4	29	Schs. Stomach
21	19,	Wealtha Bonney,	21	1	5	Canker.
22	20,	Apollos Lincoln,	79		4	Old Age.
23	29,	——— Ready,			1	———
24	June, 1,	Larnard Williams,	75	11		Gen. Debility.
25	6,	Warren Drake,	81	8	22	Apoplexy.
26	22,	Silas Shaw,	74			Consumption.
27	July, 7,	Timothy Murphy,	27			Congest Brain
28	8,	Lizzie Donahoe,	2	11		Ac'te Men'gts
29	Aug.	Mary E. Monk,	20			Typhoid Fever
30	7,	Joanna Cotter,		8	27	Chr. Infantum
31	14,	Hannah French,	92	10	22	Old Age.
32	16,	Mary C. McMinime,		4	26	Chr. Infantum
33	19,	Charles H. Richmond,	24	2	25	Typhoid Fever
34	27,	Eva C. Harlow,		10	23	Marasmus.
35	28,	Edward E. Randall,	25	11	17	Consumption.
36	Sept. 7,	David P. Middleton,			18	Marasmus.
37	15,	Hannah Turpin,			1	———
38	Oct. 13,	Rebecca Pratt,	85	2	22	Old Age.
39	20,	Julia F. Marshall,	15	10	25	Typhoid Fever

No.	Date.	Name.	Age. Yrs	Mos.	Days.	Disease
40	30,	James K. P. Packard,	26	2	27	Phthisis.
41	30,	David Manning,	67	2	3	Accident.
42	31,	Lewis M. Thayer,	47	5	29	Par. Insanity.
43	Nov. 4,	Gertrude M. Records,		11	20	Spinal.
44	6,	Ann Maliff,	45			Tumor.
45	16,	Anna Williams,	86	11	29	Apoplexy.
46	18,	Margaret Brady,	38			Apoplexy.
47	21,	James O. Hanlen,	34			Paralysis.
48	24,	Patrick Littleton,	45			Tyd. Dysent'y
49	Dec. 12,	Margaret Sheehan,	2	1	8	Diptheria.
50	16,	Ephraim Randall,	86		17	Old Age.
51	21,	John Bisbee,	84	10	9	Old Age.
52	28,	——— Conoly,			1	———

REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN, TREASURER,

AND

ASSESSORS,

OF THE TOWN OF EASTON,

For the Year Ending Feb. 1, 1873.

TAUNTON:

C. A. HACK & SON, PRINTERS, UNION BLOCK.

1873.

REPORT

OF SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF POOR, AND TREASURER OF THE TOWN OF EASTON.

The following report of the financial condition of the town, for the year ending January 31st, 1873, is respectfully submitted:

ALMSHOUSE ESTABLISHMENT.

Account of Stock at Almshouse, Jan. 31, 1873.

12 1-2	tons English Hay,	$350 00
7	" meadow "	98 00
2	" straw,	30 00
1 1-2	" corn fodder,	21 00
2	oxen,	175 00
1	horse,	200 00
8	cows,	280 00
22	fowls,	22 00
25	bushels oats,	15 00
8	" rye,	8 80
3 1-2	meal,	2 25
7 1-2	barley,	7 50
90	" corn,	72 00
4 1-4	beans,	12 00
20	" carrots,	7 00
5	" beets,	3 00
10	" turnips,	4 00
100	" potatoes,	70 00
20	bbls. vinegar and cider,	75 00
15	" apples,	33 00
471	lbs. pork,	47 10
305	" beef,	30 50
300	" bacon,	36 00
64	" lard,	7 04
8	" butter,	3 20
30	" candles,	4 50

50 lbs. dried apples,	6 00	
Soap,	2 50	
Pickles,	5 00	
Groceries,	6 00	
		$1,633 39

EXPENDITURES OF ALMSHOUSE.

Groceries,	$146 77	
Flour and Grain,	260 70	
Meat and fish,	120 42	
Clothing and bedding,	62 47	
Furniture,	16 74	
Labor,	610 91	
Farming Tools,	147 82	
Repairs on buildings,	10 63	
Books,	30	
Garden and grass seed,	32 18	
Blacksmithing,	18 50	
Stock,	371 00	
Medical aid and medicine,	24 83	
Making cider,	27 67	
Grinding grain,	6 55	
Bread,	10 29	
Fertilizers,	13 34	
Coal,	15 02	
Soap,	7 94	
Salt,	12 89	
Town Farm tax,	30 53	
Apples,	1 23	
Freight,	6 91	
Ice,	2 32	
Warden's salary,	400 00	
Valuation Jan. 31st, 1872,	1,832 17	
		$4,190 13

RECEIPTS OF ALMSHOUSE.

700 lbs. Butter,	265 46	
Milk,	61 90	
Calves,	133 25	
Hides,	5 10	
Vinegar and Cider,	131 29	
Eggs and Fowl,	55 70	
Hay,	105 00	
Potatoes,	124 32	
Garden Vegetables,	48 70	
Grain,	7 19	
Meat,	68 90	
Lard,	63	
Boarders,	71 21	
Stock,	51 00	
Wood,	13 75	
Straw,	4 24	
Work done for individuals,	24 85	
Apples,	31 08	
Use of hearse for 39 funerals in town,	78 00	
" " 4 " out of town,	12 00	
Hay, Stock, &c., on hand Jan. 31st, 1873,	1,633 39	
		$2,926 96

Expenditures of Almshouse,	4,190 13	
Receipts "	2,926 96	
Balance against Almshouse,	$1,263 17	

INMATES OF ALMSHOUSE.

	Age.	Weeks.		Age.	Weeks.
Otis French,	75	52	Almah Dickerman,	24	31
Asa Drake,	58	52	Rebecca Allen,	72	32
Hannah Drake,	78	52	Transient paupers,		18
Sarah W. Randall,	74	52			
Discharged,		1	Males,		2
Now in Almshouse,		5	Females,		3

Average number for the year, 5 29-52

EXPENSES OF POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

O. Ames & Sons,	aid to	Ann McEvoy,	60	00
" "	"	Thomas Dean,	6	97
" "	"	Galen N. Smith,	7	05
Fred L. Ames,	"	John Kerley,	7	50
George Copeland,	"	Solomon Stone,	71	00
" "	"	Charles B. Talbot,	18	44
" "	"	Mary E. Guild,	39	00
J. T. Kimball,	"	Ezra Shaw,	3	45
" "	"	George E. Briggs,	3	50
" "	"	Hannah Willis,	8	71
" "	"	Mary McCormick,	75	40
" "	"	George W. Drake,	7	18
" "	"	Jeremiah Bonney,	15	09
" "	"	Chas. W. Randall,	6	75
" "	"	William Clapp,	6	16
" "	"	Abiathar Leonard,	46	82
" "	"	Betsy Allen,	16	00
" "	"	Sarah Swift,	117	64
George L. Kimball,	"	" "	38	36
" "	"	Mary McCormick,	27	05
" "	"	Hannah Willis,	4	31
" "	"	Ezra Shaw,	3	15
" "	"	Geo. W. Drake,	5	85
" "	"	Betsey Allen,	10	00
" "	"	Jeremiah Bonney,	5	63
George L. Kimball,	"	Charles Randall,	4	00
J. Barrows,	"	Julia Murphy,	60	00

J. Barrows,	aid to	Honora Ryan,	84	00
"	"	Nath'l B. Lincoln,	10	00
"	"	Ann Garfin,	1	00
"	"	Hannah McGlency,	5	80
Tartius Buck,	"	Lemuel Terrill,	13	75
Daniel Reed,	"	" "	9	50
J. Kimball,	"	" "	2	00
Argyle Phillips,	"	" "	2	00
Noah Ashport,	"	" "	22	00
Albert W. Phillips,	"	John Kerley,	7	00
George B. Cogswell,	"	Cassander Leonard,	10	00
Lucy A. Reed,	"	Ira W. Bonney,	102	00
Susan Bonney,	"	" "	6	00
Lucius Howard, Jr.,	"	Charles B. Talbot,	15	00
Daniel Reed,	"	" "	9	00
" "	"	Abiathar Leonard,	9	00
" "	"	Bridget Kerley,	5	00
Howard & Clark,	"	Chas. H. Smith,	11	00
Wm. H. Wilbur,	"	Nath'l B. Lincoln,	10	00
Ellis Packard,	"	" "	5	00
Uriah H. Reed.	"	Robert W. Stephenson,	10	00
F. B. Littlefield,	"	Hannah Willis,	15	00
Daniel Reed,	aid to	Mary E. Ennes,	9	00
William T. Austin,	"	" "	3	00
Stoneham,	"	Olive V. O. Reilly,	90	00
Mansfield,	"	Elizabeth A. Randall,	9	50
Lynn,	"	Silence Randall,	28	00
Boston.	"	Eliza Lee,	4	25
State Almshouse,	"	" "	22	28
Lunatic Hospital, Worcester,	"	Chas. Britton,	21	00
Lunatic Hospital, Northampton,	"	Ada M. Randall,	124	10
Lunatic Hospital, Taunton,	"	John W. Marshall,	211	80
do do	"	Ceph. F. Williams,	204	85
				$1,766 84
Amount paid and due from other towns,				272 50
Balance,				$1,494 34

TOWN APPROPRIATIONS.

New roads,	865 00	
Schools,	2,000 00	
State Tax,	4,040 00	
County Tax,	2,370 90	
Highways,	3,000 00	
Bridges,	500 00	
Current Expenses,	4,500 00	
School Apparatus,	200 00	
Horse and Tools for Highways,	450 00	
Overlay,	568 78	
		$18,494 68

VALUATION OF THE TOWN,

MAY 1ST, 1872.

Real Estate,	1,020,151 00	
Personal Estate,	1,402,151 00	
Total valuation,		$2,422,302 00
Number of Polls taxed,	1,012	
Poll Tax,	$2 00	
Rate per cent.,	$7 00 on $1,000 00	

ROAD DEPARTMENT.

Amount raised and appropriated for Roads and Bridges at the annual town meeting:

For Roads,	3,000 00
For Bridges,	500 00

The amount expended on Roads in the several Highway Districts, including the keeping of horses to Jan. 31st, 1873, is as follows:

No. 1,	179 77	
2,	14 96	
3,	325 44	
4,	37 71	
5,	380 41	
6,	247 82	
7,	232 68	
8,	585 43	
9,	236 86	
10,	276 88	
11,	199 85	
		$2,717 81

Leaving $282 19 which could not be advantageously expended, on account of the lateness of the season and sickness of the horses.

One of the horses has been sold and three are now owned by the town.

Loads of gravel put upon roads,	5,445
" stone moved,	1,070

A new road was built near the factory of E. N. Morse, at an expense of $765 00, for which appropriation was made.

One bridge was built near the Furnace, at an expense of	489 89	
One near Copeland's, enlarged,	276 17	
Seven other bridges built or repaired,	146 02	
		$912 08

Guide boards are in good condition.

TOWN OFFICERS.

John Kimball, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor,	125 67	
" " Conveyance,	22 00	
" " Cash expenses,	5 88	
Horace D. Howard, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor,	117 25	
" " Conveyance,	20 00	
" " Cash expenses,	2 50	
Joseph Barrows, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor,	185 00	
" " Conveyance,	17 75	
" " Cash expenses,	1 87	
John Kimball, collecting, recording and returning 51 deaths, $7 90; 108 births, $32 40; and 39 marriages, $5 85,	46 15	
" " Paying State Aid,	10 00	
Rufus H. Willis, Constable,	12 00	
P. W. Fecto, "	12 00	
William L. Chaffin, School Committee,	58 75	
Albert A. Rotch, " "	49 50	
Daniel M. Dailey, Sealer of Weights, &c.,	25 00	
		$711 32

JOHN KIMBALL,
HORACE D. HOWARD,
JOSEPH BARROWS,
} *Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor, of Easton.*

Easton, January 31st, 1873.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Town of Easton in acct. with JOHN KIMBALL, Treasurer,

Dr. To Paid,—

State Tax,		4,040 00
County Tax,		2,370 90
School Account,		8,029 48
Repairs on highways,		2,717 81
" bridges,		912 08
" school houses,		147 92
For 2 horses and tools for highway,		150 93
Expenses of poor out of Almshouse,		1,766 84
Edward N. Morse, for land,		305 00
Chas. E. Keith, for new road, 1871,		160 00
" " " 1870,		29 75
Charles T. Wade, warden, 1871–2		718 00
First Natl Bank, Easton, 2 notes and int.,		6,102 69
Emory Goward, 2 " " "		740 62
Tisdale Godfrey, 1 " " "		207 39
Six per cent. on taxes,		1,109 68
Town officers' bills,		711 32
Dorchester Mutual Insurance Co.,		191 25
Quincy, " " "		71 75
Bennett & Fuller,		17 90
Use of Town Hall,		60 00
Edward B. Bird, new road,		460 00
Printing,		93 63
Snow bill,		50 10
Almshouse Establishment,		640 75
Lucius Clapp,		4 00
F. E. Gilmore,		2 50
W. S. Andrews,		2 00
E. S. Russell,		2 00
Emory Goward,		6 00
J. T. Kimball, school books,		11 60
J. B. Williams,		5 00
C. H. Reed,		50
Sextons, returning deaths,		4 00

O. Ames & Sons, lock-up,	6 94	
Postage, stationery and express,	15 70	
Non-Resident Bank Tax,	194 00	
State Aid to Margaret Slattery,	96 00	
" " Lizzie E. Pool,	96 00	
" " Harriet F. Britton,	96 00	
" " Annie Haney,	96 00	
" " Fidelia Phillips,	96 00	
" " Charlotte Pope,	96 00	
" " Jamson J. Roberts,	96 00	
" " William Currivan,	96 00	
" " George A. Lackey,	120 00	
" " James McEvoy,	120 00	
" " George N. Blanchard,	84 00	
" " Mary Richards,	48 00	
" " Salome Lothrop,	48 00	
" " Hannah Flaherty,	48 00	
" " Eveline Legrow,	48 00	
" " Georgianna C. Leonard,	24 00	
" " Caroline Hill,	18 40	
Balance,	136 87	
		$33,523 30

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Balance in Treasury, Feb. 1st, 1872,	131 67	
Received of Rehoboth,	36 67	
" Marshfield,	78 00	
" Mansfield,	117 00	
" Taunton,	72 78	
" Emory Gowârd, on loan,	700 00	
" Chas. L. Britton, "	100 00	
" Tisdale Godfrey, "	200 00	
" James L. Perry, "	250 00	
" Chas. T. Wade, "	400 00	
" First Nat'l Bank of Easton, do.,	5,930 44	
" Lucius Howard, Jr., for wood,	43 94	
" Thomas B. Keith, for horse,	50 00	
" State Treasurer on account Corporation Tax,	4,639 17	

Received of State Treasurer on account School Fund,	230 73	
Bank Tax,	194 00	
State Aid,	1,600 00	
Received of County Treasurer, on account Dog Licenses,	254 22	
Assessors return of taxes,	18,494 68	
		$33,523 30

JOHN KIMBALL, *Treasurer.*

Easton, Jan. 31st, 1873.

The subscribers, Auditors of the accounts of the Treasurer of the Town of Easton for the year ending January 31, 1873, have examined the accounts of John Kimball, Treasurer, and have found the same correctly cast and properly vouched for.

GEORGE W. KENNEDY,
EDWARD N. MORSE, } *Auditors.*

CONDITION OF TREASURY,

Jan. 31, 1873.

Due for Schools,	1,431 68	
Parish,	60 00	
Warden,	400 00	
Charles T. Wade, note,	400 00	
James L. Perry, "	250 00	
Charles L. Britton, "	100 00	
		$2,641 68

ASSETS.

Uncollected taxes,	136 87	
Due for State Aid,	1,356 00	
from Mansfield,	156 00	
" Rehoboth,	3 50	
" Taunton,	55 00	
		$1,707 37
Balance against the Town,		$934 31

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN EASTON IN 1872.

Born.	Name of Child.	Sex.	Name of Parents.
Jan. 5,	Hiram H. Evans,	Male,	Thurber A. and Cordelia A.
13,	James E. Cahill,	"	James and Mary.
15,	Thomas Shearn,	"	Thomas and Ann.
15,	Catherine Halahan,	Female,	Daniel and Ellen.
18,	Annie Truax,	"	Jacob and Ellen.
21,	Gracie A. Packard,	"	William T. and Flora E.
24,	Willie H. Rice,	Male,	William P. and Virginia.
28,	Katie Raynolds,	Female,	Patrick and Margaret.
Feb. 9,	William M. Doherty,	Male,	James and Leah.
11,	Elizabeth Thomas,	Female,	Cornelius and Bridget.
12,	Julia Carney,	"	Timothy and Julia.
16,	Humphrey P. Henesy,	Male,	David and Mary.
25,	Annie Holmes,	Female,	Charles and Annie.
Mar. 11,	Arthur E. Davy,	Male,	William H. and Martha A.
12,	Lelia F. Drake,	Female,	Abbott L. and Abbie E.
17,	Helen L. Thayer,	"	Fred C. and Almira L.
20,	George F. Shields,	Male,	Patrick and Annie.
28,	Annie L. Gooch,	Female,	James F. and Sarah J.
Apr. 3,	Mary E. Sullivan,	"	Thomas and Ellen.
23,	Mary J. Mahony,	"	John and Mary.
24,	Homer S. Hasty,	Male,	David S. and Abbie E.
25,	Thomas H. Donahue,	"	John and Margaret.
25,	Charlotte Burrill,	Female,	Daniel W. and Hattie E.
26,	Lillie White,	"	William F. and Annie B.
27,	Cornelius Moynehan,	Male,	John and Ann.
27,	Charles Alborn,	"	F. T. and Mary.
27,	Charlotte Eddy,	Female,	Hodges and Almeda.
May 6,	Mabel B. Snow,	"	Arch O. and Hattie E.
7,	Katie Daily,	"	Michael and Ellen.
7,	Mary Doherty.	"	Neil and Ellen.
10,	George E. Willis,	Male.	Henry M. and Sarah L.
10,	Edward McCool,	"	Michael and Mary A.
12,	Clara M. Soule,	Female,	Alfred W. S. and Ella A.
15,	Julia A. Murray,	"	John A. and Bridget.
15,	Henry Williams,	Male,	Henry M. and Lucy A.
16,	Maggie Ahern,	Female,	William and Maria.
17,	Willie Brady,	Male,	James and Agnes.
18,	Albert F. James,	"	Henry D. and Sarah L.
20,	Annie S. Gifford,	Female,	Pardon A. and Phebe W.
20,	Ruth C. Lothrop,	"	Eugene T. and Sarah V.
20,	Mary E. Shehan,	"	Morris and Ellen.

Born.	Name of Child.	Sex.	Name of Parents.
May	24, Gertrude H. Belcher,	Female,	George H. and Elva A.
	26, Arthur S. Kennedy.	Male,	George W. and Caroline B.
	26, Alfred W Buckman,	"	James A. and Mary E.
	27, Jeremiah Healy,	"	Timothy and Mary.
	28, George H. Tabor,	"	James C. and Irene M.
	28, Patrick Riordon,	"	John and Margaret.
	31, —— Blaisdell,	"	John G. and Hannah E.
June	1, Michael Cunningham,	"	Thomas and Alice.
	5, John J. O'Connor,	"	David J. and Hannah.
	15, Leon S. Bird,	"	Simeon and Annette.
	30, Frank M. Belcher,	"	William T. and Ella F.
July	1. Willie O. Randall,	"	Simeon A. and Sarah J.
	14, Annie E. Riordon,	Female,	Jeremiah and Catharine.
	16, Emma J. Pratt,	"	Ransom D. and Annette L.
	21, Mary Cunningham,	"	Patrick and Mary.
	28, Laura H. Newton,	"	Henry D. and Sarah F.
	29, Susan Stanton,	"	Patrick and Margaret.
	29, Viola Williams,	"	Monroe F. and Harriet E.
Aug.	1, David Connell,	Male,	Timothy and Mary.
	4, John Leary,	"	Dennis and Hannah.
	5, Mary O'Neil,	Female,	Bartholomew and Kate.
	9, Alfred W. Heath,	Male,	Henry W. and Mary T.
	11, —— Wentworth,	"	Fanny Wentworth.
	14, Elizabeth Wise,	Female,	Oliver L. and Mary.
	14, Gordon Grant,	Male.	James and Jessie.
	19, James Riley,	"	Daniel and Ellen.
	28, Grace S. Marshall,	Female,	Francis F. and Nellie F.
Sept.	1, Abbie L. Packard,	"	Marshal M. and Jennie E.
	1, Dominie F. Kelleher,	Male.	Patrick and Mary.
	2, Emeline Scanlan,	Female,	David and Julia C.
	7, Nettie S. Legg,	"	William M. and Eveline L.
	11, Carrie L. Dean,	"	William H. and Augusta.
	14. Mary Murphy.	"	Dennis and Ellen.
	19, William R. Ellison,	Male,	Charles E. and Sarah B.
	20, Annie T. Desmond,	Female,	Jeremiah and Margaret.
	21, Fred L. Willis,	Male,	J. Warren and Clorinda.
	22, Mary A. Quill.	Female,	Dennis and Ellen L.
Sept.	22, Freddy Tilley,	Male,	William J. and Addie H.
	29, Annie Linehan,	Female,	Michael and Mary.
Oct.	3, Jeremiah Coughlin,	Male,	Dennis and Mary.
	6, Jeremiah Woolston,	"	James and Ann.
	6, Daniel S. McMinime,	"	John and Ann.
	7, Maria E. Middleton,	Female,	David A. and Ellen M.
	8, Mary J. McGenty,	"	James and Mary.

Born.	Name of Child.	Sex.	Name of Parents.
Oct.	10, Nettie R. Drew,	Female,	Denison S. and Susan E.
	17, John McCarty,	Male,	William and Mary.
	25, Lewis W Dearth,	"	Thomas H. and Emeline.
	28, —— Hunt,	Female,	Silas M. and Annie.
	30, —— Webster,	Male,	Clinton B. and Mary A.
Nov.	3, Roland A. White,	"	Roland T. J. and Caroline L.
	6, Lydia B. Chamberlain,	Female,	Ezekiel W. and Harriet L.
	6, Martin Mutherin,	Male,	David and Margaret.
	23, Mary L. Legard,	Female,	Lewis and Mary.
Dec.	1, Sarah E. Haskins,	"	Charles and Eunice.
	3, Katie Curns, } Twins,	"	Hugh and Mary.
	3, Maggie Curns, }	Male,	Michael and Eliza.
	4, James McMullen,	Female,	Frank L. and Ellen S.
	11, Mattie Tyley,	Male,	James and Ann.
	13, Edward Travers,	"	James W. and Rosa V.
	13, —— Libby,	"	Michael and Lavina.
	13, —— McDevitt,	"	William C. and Mary C. L.
	13, —— Howard,	Female,	Michael and Mary.
	21, Ann E. McMinime,	Male,	Thomas and Mary.
	22, William F. Long,	"	James F. and Hannah J.
	22, —— Williams,	"	Patrick and Margaret.
	27 Peter Moore,	Female,	Thomas and Rosa.
	29, Sarah A. James,		

MARRIAGES

REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF EASTON, 1872.

Jan. 1, William H. Lothrop, 2d, and Cecilia A. Gardner, both of Easton.
2, Joseph H. Bisbee and Altozana E. Tirrell, both of Canton.
12, Michael Butler, of Easton, and Hannah Halisy, of Nantucket.
14, Silas M. Hunt and Anna Wood, both of Easton.
14, George M. D. Packard, of Easton, and Julia A. Dean, of Raynham.
22, Lewis R. Randall, of Easton, and Phebe A. Worth, of Nantucket
28, William A. Flynn and Mary A. Blake, both of Easton.
Feb. 4, Thomas Shearn and Mary Welch, both of Easton.
Mar 12, August Jakobson and Charlotte Lenstrem, both of Easton.
Apr. 14, Henry Stephenson, 2d, and Ann Sweeney, both of Easton.
May 1, Seth R. Briggs, of Franklin, and Martha A. Shephard, of Easton.
28, Hiram F. Dean, of Taunton, and Ellen A. Rollins, of Easton.
June 5, William E. Douglass and Phebe M. Phillips, both of Easton.
6, Daniel F. Clarke and Elvira R. S. Tibbetts, of Easton.
15, Freeman E. Wells, of Easton, and Lydia A. Brown, of Lynn.
16, Elbridge E. Morse and Mary E. Cree, both of Easton.
20, Everett R. Leonard, of Norton, and Ellen E. Goward, of Easton.
22, George R. Marshall, of Boston, and Harriet A. Lothrop, of Easton.
22, Mansfield F. Milton and Catharine Wilson, both of Easton.
28, John Moorhouse, of Mansfield, and Betsey Phillips, of Easton.
July 28, Jonas G. Hartwell, of West Bridgewater, and Ellen A. Simpson, of Easton
Aug. 5, John Flanigan and Bridget Fitzpatrick, both of Easton.
16, David McCarty and Julia Connell, both of Easton.
Sept 16, Hugh F. Degnan and Ellen Doherty, both of Easton.
16, George Ward, of Canton, and Annie Martin, of Easton.
25, Congdon Wilbar, of North Bridgewater, and Lydia B. Bird, of Easton.
27, Patrick Campion and Mary Fleming, both of Easton.
Oct. 6, James A. Morse and Eldora F. Smith, both of Easton.
6, John M. Randall and Eglentine E. Smith, both of Easton.
20, Charles F. Howard, of Easton, and Mary P. Davis, of Norton.
21, James E. Smith and Henrietta Leach, both of Easton.
28, Jared B. Dean, of Easton, and Caroline C. Richardson, of Mansfield.
Nov 12, Charles P. Dahl and Maria C. Ericson, both of Easton.
13, John Stanton, of Easton, and Ellen Myres, of Stoughton.
24, Alphonzo F. Fuller, of Easton, and Ruth A. Stearns, of Mansfield.
28, Edward F. Beal, of Braintree, and A. Louisa Humphrey, of Easton.
Dec. 5, Hosea Osgood and Mary M. Smith, both of Easton.
21, Everett E. Pool and Abbie F. Ripley, both of Easton,
24, J. Frederic Randall, of Easton, and Almira L. May, of Stoughton.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN EASTON

DURING THE YEAR 1872.

Date.	Name.	Age. Yrs.	Mos.	Days.	Disease.
Jan. 11,	John P. Wise,	2	4		Albuminare.
16,	Hannah Middleton,	3	11	21	Mem. Croup.
31,	Lemuel Terrill,	79			Old Age.
31,	Betsey M. Berry,	37	5	23	Cancer.
Feb. 9,	Henrietta Howard,	58	3	18	Pneumonia.
9,	Esther Clapp,	94			Old Age.
March 8,	Hannah A. Russel,	84	3	3	Chol. Diarhœa.
29,	Almira L. Thayer,	17	10		Congestion Brain.
April 4,	Catharine Smith,	28			Gastrites.
12,	Cyrus Battles,	75	7	22	Old Age.
16,	Bridget Kerley,	85			" "
22,	Samuel Dean,	77		25	Congestion Lungs.
29,	Samuel S. Allen,	47	1	27	" "
May 9,	Fidelia L. Allen,	46	3	23	Consumption.
14,	William F. Upham,	63	2	11	"
16,	Abiatha Leonard,	63			"
17,	Eunice C. Coney,	1	8	22	Mem. Croup.
June 1,	Honora Mahoney,	80			Old Age.
7,	James D. Mulerin,	1	2		Diptheria.
9,	Michael Cunningham	45			Accidental.
10,	Peter Donahue,	1	2		Lung Fever.
July 11,	William G. Elliott,	3	10	14	Drowned.
13,	William Ready,		3		Chol. Infantum.
25,	George F. Shields,		4	2	" "
Aug. 4,	David Crowley,			3	Inanition.
15,	Susan Stanton,			17	"
22,	Margaret Ahern,		4	17	Chol. Infantum.
25,	James Woolston,	1		23	" "
26,	Charles H. Willis,		8	24	Apthæ.
Sept. 4,	Helen L. Thayer,		5	18	Marasmus.
7,	Albert F. James,		3	11	"
9,	Ellen F. Riordon,	1	9		Diptheria.
10,	Alfred W. Buckman,		3	15	Bronchitis.
11,	Catherine Hart,	60			Cancer.

Date.	Name.	Age. Yrs.	Mos.	Days.	Disease.
Oct. 10,	Emma M. Pratt,		2	25	Marasmus.
19,	James Britton,	67			Humor.
20,	John McCarthy,			3	Inanition.
29,	Mary E. Ennes,	25	9		Consumption.
Nov. 1,	Ruth Lothrop,	70			Lung Fever.
12,	Annstasia Sullivan,	30			Consumption.
24,	Margaret Maloy,	30			Pneumonia.
28,	Hugh Kelcher,	30			"
29,	Roberta J. White,	3	3	1	Burn.
30,	Freddy Tilley,		2	8	Dropsy.
30,	Bernard Alger,	83	9	14	Old Age, Dropsy.
Dec. 3,	Katie Curns, } twins			1	Inanition.
3,	Maggie " }				
3,	Charles B. Blaisdell,	21	10	21	Consumption.
5,	John Rapp,	22			Typhoid Fever.
9,	Bridget Flood,	58			Consumption.
14,	—— McDevit,			1	Inanition.

LIST OF JURORS AS MADE OUT BY THE SELECTMEN.

James N. Mackay,
Theron M. Porter,
Philip F. Packard,
Harris Y. Wilson,
Hiram Keith,
Albert M. Hayward,
Manley Packard,
Frederic A. Britton,
Lucion Bonney,
John M. Pool,
Joel S. Drake,
Eugene T. Lothrop,
Thatcher Pierce,
Benjamin A. Russell,
Lincoln S. Drake,
Henry L. Howard,
Asa C. Sisson,
Charles A. Knapp,
Thaxter D. Hervey,
Daniel W. Dickerman,
William H. Hamilton,

Daniel W. Belcher,
Lucius Howard, Jr.,
Andrew Hamilton,
Charles H. Reed,
Hiram Williams,
Thomas Bean,
James Young,
George E. Quinn,
John Q. Dickerman,
Edward D. Williams,
Samuel K. Kelley,
Alson A. Gilmore,
David B. Tinkham,
E. William Randall,
George F. Evans,
Timothy Remick,
David Howard,
Daniel F. Clark,
Lucius D. Seaver,
John M. Shepard,
Charles Carr.

JOHN KIMBALL,
HORACE D. HOWARD,
JOSEPH BARROWS,
} *Selectmen of Easton.*

Easton, Feb. 13th, 1873.

COPY OF WARRANT.

BRISTOL SS. *To either of the Constables of the Town of Easton, in the County of Bristol,* GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Easton, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meetat the Town Hall, in said Easton, on the third day of March next, at one of the clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

1st. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

2d. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

3d. To hear the Report of the Selectmen and act thereon.

4th. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriations of the same.

5th. To determine the manner of repairing the Highways, Townways and Bridges the ensuing year.

6th. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

7th. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money to pay expense of decorating soldiers' graves last year and the present year.

8th. To see if the town will adopt the following By-Law, viz.: No person shall coast with a sled, on runners, kick foot-ball, or play at any game in which a ball of any kind is used, or throw any stones or snow-balls, in any of the streets of this town; and any person violating this By-Law shall forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding five dollars.

9th. To see if the town will accept the List of Jurors as made out by the Selectmen.

10th. To see what action the town will take in relation to an action brought against the town, for labor, by Charles Hayward.

11th. To see if the town will accept of the road, as laid out by the Selectmen, commencing upon the line of Main street, near the manufacturing shop of George Brett, and terminating upon Depot street, near the depot in North Easton.

12th. To see if the town will accept of the road as laid out by the Selectmen, commencing upon the line of a road recently laid out by them, near the residence of Benjamin G. Blaisdell, thence in a north-westerly direction and terminating upon the Old Colony and Newport Railway, near a bridge.

13th. To see if the town will lay out the territory included in the bounds of Old School District No. 7, as described in Town Records, as the North Easton Village District, as provided in General Law of 1870, Chapter 332, entitled, "An Act for maintaining street lamps and for other purposes."

14th. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting houses in said town, seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands, this thirteenth day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy three.

JOHN KIMBALL,
HORACE D. HOWARD,
JOSEPH BARROWS,
} *Selectmen of Easton.*

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor,

AND

TREASURER

OF THE

Town of Easton,

For the Year ending Jan. 31st, 1874.

EASTON:
PRINTED AT THE OFFICE OF THE "EASTON JOURNAL."
1874.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen of the Town of Easton submit the following Report for the Year, ending Jan. 31st, 1874:

Account of Stock at Almshouse, Jan. 31st, 1874.

12 1-2 tons English Hay,	$375 00
8 1-2 " Meadow "	127 50
1 horse,	150 00
6 cows.	300.00
2 swine,	30 00
35 fowls,	35 00
3 bushels meal,	3 00
2 " oats,	1 35
4 " barley,	4 00
40 " corn,	40 00
5 1-2 " beans,	16 50
290 " potatoes,	203 00
20 " carrots,	7 00
30 " beets,	15 00
15 " turnips,	7 50
1-2 " onions,	1 00
290 lbs. bacon,	36 25
650 " pork,	71 50
600 " beef,	54 00
20 " butter,	8 00
40 " lard,	5 00
45 " candles,	6 75
17 " sausage,	2 55
31 " suet,	2 48

5 bbls. vinegar,	48 00	
1-2 " pickles,	9 00	
15 gal. soap,	2 25	
1730 ft. lumber,	34 60	
Groceries,	10 00	
		$1,606.23

Expenditures of Almshouse.

Groceries,	$168 95	
Flour and Grain,	357 54	
Provisions,	148 07	
Clothing and Bedding,	115 52	
Furniture,	49 68	
Labor,	396 74	
Farming Tools,	52 55	
Repairs,	61 46	
Garden and Grass Seed,	11 26	
Fertilizers,	27 10	
Blacksmithing,	25 61	
Stock,	142 50	
Medical aid and Medicine,	10 00	
Coal,	10 75	
Town Farm Tax,	45 05	
Burials,	21 50	
Sawing Lumber,	7 78	
Sundries,	6 75	
Warden's Salary,	500 00	
Valuation Jan. 31st, 1873,	1,633 39	
		$3,792.20

Receipts of Almshouse.

785 lbs. butter,	315 68	
Milk,	75 20	
Calves,	33 60	
Hay and Straw,	196 10	
Stock,	308 09	
Meat,	31 47	
Potatoes,	81 45	
Garden Vegetables,	60 01	
Boarders,	152 72	
Labor,	126 76	
Grain,	2 25	
Apples,	12 70	
Cider and Vinegar,	61 62	
Eggs and Fowls,	72 46	
Sundries,	17 98	
Hearse,	15 50	
Stock, Hay, &c., Jan. 31st, 1874,	1,606 23	
		$3,169.82

Expenditures, - - - -	$3,792.20
Receipts, - - - - - -	3,169.82
Balance against Almshouse,	$622.38

Inmates of Almshouse.

Names.	Age.	Weeks.
Otis French,	76	52
Asa Drake,	59	51
Hannah Drake,	79	51
Sarah W. Randall,	75	11
Almah Dickerman,	25	48
Rebecca Allen,	73	45
Ira Bonney,	2	35
Ezra Shaw,	74	13
John F. Clapp,	17	17
Lydia Godfrey,	63	11
Eliza C. Godfrey,	23	11

Discharged, 1.
Died, 2.
Now in Almshouse, 8.
Males, 4.
Females, 4.
Average number for the Year, 6 17-26.

There are several reasons why the balance against the Almshouse is not so favorable as might be wished.

At the commencement of the year the stock was in bad condition and much of it had to be exchanged to make it useful to the Establishment. A large number of bills represented by the last Warden as paid, were found to be unpaid and come out of the receipts of the year.

(289) Two hundred and eighty-nine tramps—an unusually large number—have been lodged and fed.

The number of paupers is about one fifth greater than last year.

The hearse has been used for forty-three (43) funerals in town, for which no charge is made, but which have formerly been entered among the receipts of the Almshouse at two dollars each.

Expenses of Poor out of Almshouse.

Lucy Reed	aid to	Ira Bonney,	28 00
J. Barrows & S. B. Strout	to	Honora Ryan,	86 00
" J. A. Pratt	"	Julia Murphy,	60 00
Job Randall	aid to	Lyman Phillips,	60 40
Lucius Howard, Jr.	"	"	11 25
William Austin,	"	"	3 50
Geo. B. Cogswell,	"	"	25 00
D. L. Randall,	"	"	25 00
Norton	"	Henry G. Leonard	45 27
Geo. L. Kimball,	"	"	9 25
Northampton I. A.	"	Ada M. Randall,	244 61
Worcester I. A.	"	Charles Britton,	248 70
Taunton I. A.	"	John H. Marshall	211 33
"	"	C. F. Williams,	211 68
Lucius Howard	"	Mike McCool,	5 00
John Sloan	"	"	15 00
John E. Sloan	"	"	10 00
John F. Clark	"	"	10 00
O. Ames & Sons	"	"	100 00
Geo. Copeland	"	Mary E. Guild,	6 00
Wm. C. Howard	"	"	7 00
Boston	aid to	Joseph and Eliza Lee,	4 13
Lynn	"	Silence Randall,	31 75
Con. Kerley Jr.	"	Con. Kerley,	62 00
F. D. Perry	"	Charles Randall,	25 00
Pembroke	"	Amos Wade,	41 90
Lancaster I. S. for G.	"	Dapline M. Hallet	8 50
Plymouth	"	Silas Ripley's fam	47 50
J. A. Pratt	"	"	5 00
"	"	Eben Littlefield,	10 00
F. B. Littlefield	"	"	30 00
C. M. Emory	"	"	11 00
Daniel Reed	"	"	11 00

Howard, Clark & Co.	"	J. A. Henry,	15 00	
J. A. Pratt	"	Nancy Wade,	7 50	
"	"	Ezra Shaw,	1 75	
J. S. Drake	"	"	2 00	
Geo. L. Kimball	"	"	13 43	
F. B. Littlefield	"	Hannah Willis,	15 00	
J. S. Drake	"	"	11 00	
T. H. & J. O. Dean	"	E. W. Chamberlain	10 37	
J. F. Goward,	"	"	4 14	
Strout & Packard	"	"	17 90	
Stoneham	"	Olive V. O'Reilly,	60 00	
James Wells	"	Hosea Osgood,	6 85	
O. Ames & Sons,	"	Mrs. John McEvoy	60 00	
"	"	J. Minch,	3 00	
E. R. Hayward	"	Lydia Boodry,	6 50	
Stillman Lincoln	"	Polly Randall,	3 00	
Strout & Packard	"	Jas. P. Middleton,	32 00	
"	"	Wash'n Drake,	1 83	
J. S. Drake	"	Asa Phillips,	5 00	
"	"	Mrs. Fisher,	10 00	
"	"	Willard Randall,	15 36	
Geo. L. Kimball	"	Mary McCormic,	104 00	
"	"	Susan Bonney,	2 39	
"	"	Betsey Allen,	39 00	
				$2,157.79
Amount due from other towns,			46 35	
"	State,		90 06	
				$136.41
		Balance,		$2,121.38

Town Appropriations.

Schools,	$7,500 00
Current Expenses,	3,530 00
Highways,	3,000 00
Bridges,	300 00
Decoration of Soldiers' graves,	200 00
New Roads,	1,700 00
State Tax,	4,545 00
County Tax,	2,963 00
Overlay,	486 00
	$24,225 20

Valuation of Town, May 1st, 1873.

Personal Property,	$1,179,741 00
Real Estate,	1,036,979 00
Total,	$2,216,720 00
Increase in Real Estate since May 1st, 1872,	$16,828 00
Decrease in Personal Property,	222,410 00
Number of Polls,	1029
Increase since May 1st, 1872,	17
Poll Tax,	$2 00
Rate of Taxation on $1,000,	$10 00

Roads.

Appropriation,	$3,000 00
Unexpended from last year,	282 19

The amount expended on Roads in the several Highway Districts, including horsekeeping from Feb. 1st, 1873, to Feb. 1st, 1874, is as follows:

Number 1,	$107 72
" 2,	624 84
" 3,	260 12
" 4,	208 43
" 5,	33 55
" 6,	393 91
" 7,	580 64
" 8,	186 29
" 9,	225 35
" 10,	332 87
" 11,	433 91
	$3,387 63

Loads of Gravel put upon roads, - - 4697.
" Stone moved, - - - - - 2071.
Thirty rods of road understoned.
Guide boards are in good condition.

Straightening and Widening Main and Center Streets, North Easton.

Cost of Work,	$912 54
Land Damages paid,	1,292 00

New Roads.

Appropriation,	1,700 00
Cost of Work,	1,403 21
Land Damages paid,	368 00

Bridges.

Appropriation,	$300 00
Expended,	268 58

Town Officers.

John Kimball, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor, 13 days,		39 00
" "	Conveyance,	1 50
" "	Cash Expenses,	39
		$40 89
Horace D. Howard, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor, 11 days		33 00
" "	Cash and Conveyance,	3 00
		36 00
Joseph Barrows, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor, 82 3-4 days,		248 25
" "	Conveyance,	19 25
" "	Cash Expenses,	3 19
		270 69
J. A. Pratt, Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of Poor, 61 days,		183 00
" "	Conveyance,	26 50
" "	Cash Expenses,	5 50
		215 00
Hiram Williams, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor, 36 days,		108 00
" "	Conveyance,	2 00
" "	Cash Expenses,	150
		111 50
Wm. C. Howard, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor, 58 days,		174 00
" "	Conveyance,	25 00
" "	Cash Expenses,	7 84
		206 84

S. B. Strout, collecting, recording and return-		
" ing 139 births,		69 50
" " " 34 marriages,		5 10
" " " 70 deaths,		13 00
" paying State Aid,		10 00
" collecting Village Dist. Tax,		11 00
" per cent. on Bank Tax,		6 27
" 3 1-2 days,		10 50
" Cash expenses,		11 20
		136 57
Wm. L. Chaffin, School Committee,	107 50	
" Conveyance,	19 60	
		127 10
Albert A. Rotch, School Committee,	66 00	
" Conveyance,	12 50	
		78 50
P. W. Fecto, Constable,		19 00
Daniel M. Dailey, Sealer of Weights &c.		25 00

J. A. Pratt,
Hiram Williams,
Wm. C. Howard,
} Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor, of Easton.

Easton, January 31st, 1874.

Treasurer's Report.

Town of Easton in acct. with S. B. Strout, Treasurer.

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Balance in Treasury, Feb. 1st, 1873,		136 87
Received of Town of Mansfield,		156 00
" " Rehoboth,		7 50
" First Nat. Bank of Easton, on loan,	9,400 00	
" William M. Packard, on loan,	500 00	
" Horace D. Howard, "	1,100 00	
" E. S. Howard, "	500 00	
" State Treasurer on account Corporation Tax,	6,535 10	
" " State Aid,	1,200 00	
" " Nat. Bank Tax,	3,127 28	
" " Mass. School Fund,	251 18	
" Sundry Persons for Dog Licenses,	303 60	
" County Treasurer, bal. of Dog money returned,	287 57	
" for Glass broken in School-house,	1 92	
" Assessors' return of Taxes,	24,852 68	
" for one Horse sold,	60 00	
" of Bay State Ins. Co. of Worcester—dividend,	36 58	
		$48,456 28

Dr. to paid

Calvin Marshall, bill of '66 and interest	By vote of Town Mar. 3'73.	21 61
C. E. Keith, " '70 "		219 35
Chas. Hayward, " '70 "		70 46
For Blackboards, bill of Sept. 9, '71—for schools,		16 80
" Ink Wells, " Sept. 13, '71 "		39 20
" Furnace brick " Nov. 2, '71 "		12 25
" Glass, " Nov. 3, '71 "		10 86
" Philosophical apparatus, bill of Mar. 18th '72,		210 00
" " " " " 30th '72,		3 00

F. B. Keith for carting coal in 1870 and '71, schools,	16 58
D. Belcher for coal in 1871, "	1o oo
O. Ames & Sons for repairs school-house No. 7, in 1871 and '72,	129 87
" bill of Howard, Clark & Co., April 1872, for schools,	12 75
" H. R. Bishop & co May '72 for schools	2 75
" Kinsley Iron Co. June '72 "	47 oo
" D. S. Hasty, June '72 "	12 75
" O. Howard, teacher June '72 "	5 oo
" A. Wilbur & Co, Sept. '72 "	18 oo
" Pritchard & James, Oct. '72 "	1o oo
" D. S. Hasty, Nov. '72 "	8 5o
" for repairs school-house No. 7, '72	61 98
O. Ames 2d, balance of account as Treasurer of School Committee in 1872—being for salaries of Teachers, building fires, care of school-houses, &c.	1,657 oo
State Tax,	4,545 oo
County Tax,	2,963 61
National Bank Tax,	583 65
Six per cent. on Assessors' return of Taxes,	1,491 16
Aid to Poor out of Almshouse,	2,157 79
Salaries of School Teachers,	4,637 34
For Wood and Coal for Schools,	8o6 45
" Furnishings for School-rooms,	731 63
" Care of School-houses and building fires,	136 oo
" Cleaning School-houses,	29 7o
" Repairs at School-houses,	366 5o
" Travel of Scholars,	57 oo
" Printing on account of Schools,	143 25
" Printing,	76 oo
County Treasurer on acct. of Dog Licenses,	3o3 6o
First Nat. Bank of Easton, five notes,	9,4oo oo
Interest on Money borrowed,	359,85
Isaac Osgood as Warden, 1872,	34o 54
On account of Small Pox cases,	18o 65
Sundry Persons for Land taken for roads,	1,66o oo
Town Officers' bills,	1,282 24
For Work on roads, including keeping of and repairs to road teams, and for tools, gravel &c.	5,23o 87

On account of Bridges, for work, lumber &c.	741 o9
For Clearing roads of Snow,	355 48
" Books and Blanks,	34 o9
Sextons for returning deaths,	6 5o
Dr. D. L. Randall for Medical Attendance and Vaccinating children,	5o oo
Dr. Geo. B. Cogswell for Medical Attendance and Vaccinating children,	85 oo
E. Wm. Randall for services as Referee,	3 4o
Jason G. Howard, " "	2 oo
Tisdale Harlow, " "	2 oo
Almshouse Establishment,	35o oo
For Express,	4 1o
B. T. Nye for Poster Boxes,	1 6o
For use of Town Hall,	6o oo
A. W. Thompson for drugs and medicines,	2 oo
H. Manahan for one horse,	175 oo
D. W. Burrill, Quartermaster, for Decoration Day 1872-3,	2oo oo
Bennett & Fuller for written opinion,	3 oo
Ellis Ames, for consultation,	3 oo
For advertising Adoption notice,	2 oo
E. P. Spooner as Auc'tr and adv. Sale,	4 5o
For two Gravel Screens,	24 oo
J. W. Clarke, services as Special police,	2 5o
O. Ames & Sons for Coal for Town Farm,	9 47
John M. Gay for damage to Mail wagon on highway,	5 oo
J. F. Montgomery for surveying Main and Center Streets, North Easton,	72 oo
Taxes abated by Assessors,	49 74
State Aid to James McEvoy,	13o oo
" Georgianna C. Leonard,	56 oo
" Mary Richards,	44 oo
" William Currivan,	96 oo
" George N. Blanchard,	84 oo
" Margaret Slattery,	88 oo
" Charlotte A. Pope,	96 oo
" George A. Lackey,	11o oo
" Annie Haney,	88 oo
" Eveline Legrow,	44 oo
" Lizzie E. Pool,	88 oo

State Aid to Caroline F. Hill,		44 00
" Dennison S. Drew,		40 00
" Tamson J. Roberts,		88 00
" Salome Lothrop,		44 00
" Harriet F. Britton,		16 00
" Hannah Flaherty,		4 00
" Fidelia Phillips,		8 00
Uncollected Taxes,	2,755 21	
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	2,207 06	
		4,962 27
		48,456 28

S. B. STROUT, TREASURER.

Easton, Feb. 12th, 1874.

The subscribers, Auditors of the Accounts of the Town of Easton, for the year ending January 31st, 1874, have examined the accounts of Sanford B. Strout, Treasurer, and have found the same correctly cast and properly vouched for.

GEO. W. KENNEDY, }
EDWARD N. MORSE, } Auditors.

Condition of Treasury, Jan. 31st, 1874.

ASSETS.

Cash,		2,207 06	
Uncollected Taxes,		2,755 21	
Due for State Aid,		1,242 00	
" from State Almshouse Departm't,		95 00	
" " North Brookfield,		15 00	
" " Marshfield,		19 00	
" " Stoughton,		6 85	
" " Taunton,		6 50	
			$6,346.62

LIABILITIES.

Due for Schools,			1,427 92	
Due for use of Town Hall,			60 00	
" Warden,			416 67	
" Chas. T. Wade,	Note and interest,	400 00 49 00	449 00	
" Jas. L. Perry,	Note and interest,	250 00 13 63	263 63	
" Chas. L. Britton,	Note and interest,	100 00 12 25	112 25	
" Wm. M. Packard	2 notes and interest,	500 00 8 62	508 62	
" H. D. Howard,	Note and interest,	1,100 00 49 87	1,149 87	
" E. S. Howard,	Note and interest,	500 00 21 33	521 33	
				$4,909.29
Balance in favor of the Town,				$1,437.33

CORRECTION.—The balance on the eighth page, is incorrectly printed and should be $2,021.38.

Births Registered in Easton in 1873.

Date	Name of Child.	Sex	Name of Parent.
Jan. 3	Maggie Readon,	f	Michael and Johannah
... 6	Theodore Thoursse,	m	Charles and Anna
... 7	August C. Olson,	m	Powel and Caroline
... 13	Hulda Cecelia Dal,	f	Charles and Mary
... 15	Mary Nash,	f	William and Abby
... 16	Catherine A. Develin,	f	Alexander and Hannah
... 17	Abby Anna Readon,	f	Dennis and Johannah
... 19	Honora Turpin,	f	John and Margaret
... 23	Patrick J. Costello,	m	Patrick and Ann
... 28	Herbert W. Wells,	m	Herbert and Amelia.
... 29	Mary Clark,	f	Michael and Ann
Feb. 4	John Keyes,	m	John and Margaret
... 7	Michael Twomey,	m	Michael and Julia
... 7	Mary Ann Mahoney,	f	John and Mary
... 9	Wilbar,	m	Congdon and Lydia R.
... 10	Ann Theresa McDonald,	f	David and Mary,
... 11	Owen McGinty,	m	Anthony and Margaret
... 13	Grace Dickerman,	f	James and Elizabeth L.
... 16	John J. Degnan,	m	Patrick & Mary
... 17	Timothy S. Williamson,	m	Seth and Addie
... 20	George Blanchard,	m	George N. and Margaret C.
... 20	Dennis Gallowin,	m	Timothy and Margaret
... 21	Mary Elizabeth Barlow,	f	James and Ellen
... 21	Eddie McCourt,	m	Barney and Letitia
... 22	James Edward Dean,	m	John F. and Mary S.
... 27	James Sweeny,	m	John and Hannah
... 28	Elizabeth Lyons,	f	Jeremiah and Margaret
... 28	Dennis Sweeny,	m	Adam and Margaret
Mar. 4	Arnst J. F. Jacobson,	m	August and Charlotta
... 14	Mary Ellen Mahoney,	f	Michael and Lizzie
... 16	Edith S. Ghen,	f	Norman A. and Ellinor
... 18	George M. Randall,	m	Levi C. and Mary F.
... 26	Bertha Maria Wiley,	f	Lyman A. and Hattie L.
... 31	Herman B. Whitten,	m	Francis and Laura J.
... 31	Alice Farrell,	f	John and Isabel
Apr. 7	Bertha M. Goward,	f	Edwin and Maria
... 20	Mary Agnes Lahay,	f	Michael and Kate
... 23	Randall,	m	Joseph A. and Mary A.
May 3	Annie Cecelia Linihan,	f	James and Margaret
... 7	Jeremiah Donovan,	m	Patrick and Catherine
... 8	Addie May Ladd,	f	Thomas F. and Wealthy J.
... 11	Mary Edith Morse,	f	Elbridge E. and Mary
... 11	Andrew F. Hamilton,	m	Henry and Mary
... 13	Mary Ellen Donahoe,	f	Thomas and Hannah
... 14	Harry E. Erickson,	m	Andrew and Geogie A.
... 19	Homer C. Holmes,	m	George F. and Lizzie L.
... 22	Carrie L. Shields,	f	Patrick and Anna
... 22	Catherine Doherty,	f	James and Leah

Date	Name of Child.	Sex	Name of Parent.
May 23	William Maloy	m	John and Margaret
... 23	Howard Randall,	m	Jacob J. and Margaret
... 25	Katie Murphy Callihan,	f	Ellen Callihan
June 2	Dennis Harlow,	m	John and Hannah
... 5	Cora May Howard,	f	Charles F. and Mary P.
... 6	Derois James,	m	Henry D. and Sarah
... 10	Lucy Williams,	f	Henry M. and Lucy A.
... 10	David H. Collins,	m	Daniel and Mary
... 14	Hugh Teddy,	m	James and Agnes
... 14	Sarah C. Randall,	f	Job and Julia A.
... 16	Sarah J. McDonald,	f	John W. and Catherine
... 19	Lizzie Dailey,	f	John and Catherine
... 25	Frank Blake,	m	James and Catherine
... 29	Jennie A. Erickson,	f	John E. and Augusta M.
... 29	Hugh Reddy,	m	James and Agnes
... 30	Eugene E. Soule,	m	Nelson P. and Lucy A.
July 4	John Johanston,	m	John and Eva C.
... 11	Phebe G. Douglas,	f	William G. and Phebe M.
... 12	Jeremiah Leary,	m	Timothy and Ellen
... 20	Victoria Reardon,	f	Timothy and Bridget
... 20	John Scanlan,	m	David and Julia
... 21	Wm. C. H. Johnson,	m	William H. and Mary J
... 24	William F. Keenan,	m	William H. and Sarah J.
... 25	John McGinty,	m	James and Mary A.
... 28	James Hallihan,	m	Daniel and Ellen
... 28	Katie A. Sheehan,	f	Thomas 1st. and Mary M.
... 28	Barney Reehill,	m	Barney and Anna
Aug. 3	James T. Walker,	m	James D. and Julia E.
... 11	James Burns,	m	James and Bridget
... 13	Katie Lyons,	f	Daniel and Mary
... 19	John F. Murphy,	m	Patrick and Mary
... 21	John Barber,	m	John and Margaret
... 21	Ann Jane Barber,	f	John and Margaret
... 25	William L. Leonard,	m	Lewis D. and Eliza
Sept. 3	John Dailey,	m	Michael and Ellen
... 4	William Irving,	m	John and Agnes,
... 6	William E. Flynn,	m	William A. and Mary A.
... 6	Ellen T. Hennissy,	f	David and Mary
... 10	Peter J. Donohue,	m	John and Margaret
... 11	Julia McCarty,	f	Jeremiah and Maggie
... 11	Agnes Murphy,	f	Patrick and Margaret
... 11	Helen Milton,	f	Mansfield and Catherine
... 22	John Leary,	m	James and Ellen
... 25	Southworth,	m	William H. and Eldora W.
... 27	George A. Pratt,	m	Alfred F. and Hypathia
... 30	Edward C. McEntee,	m	John and Ann
Oct. 1	Sylvanus Fairbanks,	m	John and Jennie
... 1	Patrick Sheehan,	m	Thomas and Kate
... 2	Johannah Sheehan,	f	Thomas and Ann
... 2	Jeremiah O'Callihan,	m	Owen and Ellen

Date	Name of Child.	Sex	Names of Parent.
Oct. 2	David Quain,	m	David and Fanny
" 8	Jesse W. Smith,	f	Jesse W. and Hattie D.
" 10	Frances L. Murphy.	m	Patrick and Kate
" 11	Ella L. Dickerman,	f	John Q. and Adeline A.
" 13	Herbert F. Thompson,	m	Horace G. and Annie E.
" 13	Henry R. Turner,	m	Henry and Ruth
" 17	Anna M. Ryan,	f	John and Mary
" 22	Minnie A. Phillips,	f	Lewis F. and Emily A.
" 27	Edward Cotter,	m	Edward and Johannah
" 27	Ada Augusta Pike,	f	John E. and Aubra A.
" 29	Morris E. Flynn,	m	William and Ellen
" 29	Elizabeth S. Howard,	f	Lucius and Maria L.
" 31	Jeremiah Donovan,	m	Patrick and Catherine
Nov. 3	William O'Neil,	m	Bartholomew and Kate
" 11	Leason,	m	Jacob and Margaret,
" 11	Maggie J. Thomas,	f	Thomas and Bridget
" 12	Frances Dineen.	f	Joseph and Catherine
" 12	Olga Charlotta Olson,	f	Martin and Christina
" 14	Simpson,	f	Fred and Abbie L.
" 18	John A. Hearn,	m	John and Sarah
" 21	Patrick J. McCool,	m	Michael and Mary Ann
" 25	James Connelly,	m	Matthias and Mary
" 26	Cornelius Sullivan,	m	Thomas and Ellen,
Dec. 4	Bailey,	m	John and Henrietta
" 8	Millint,	f	Robert and Mary Jane
" 13	Mary Campion,	f	Patrick and Mary
" 14	Johnston,	m	William and Margaret
" 16	Richard T. Finley,	m	Patrick and Rosana,
" 17	Smith,	f	Emma Smith,
" 18	Clark,	f	Daniel F. and Elvira R. S.
" 19	Rosa A. Wolston,	f	James and Ann
" 19	Margaret A. O'Connell,	f	Daniel and Eliza
" 19	Mary C. Shea,	f	Daniel and Fanny
" 21	Mary Ann Conroy,	f	Patrick and Bridget
" 21	Tilley,	m	William J. and Adelaid
" 25	Timothy Maloy,	m	Patrick and Mary
" 28	Margaret Barrett,	f	John and Ellen
" 31	Dohlborg,	f	Gustaf and Julia

Marriages Registered in Easton during the Year 1873.

DATE.	NAMES.
Jan. 1,	Jonathan D. Chilson of Bellingham and Jane E. Shepard of Easton.
.. 3,	Charles Norlin of Bridgewater and Maria Johnson, of Easton.
.. 21,	Daniel E. Sullivan and Willina A. Roberts, both of Easton.
Feb. 8,	Jarvis Lothrop of Easton and Sarah M. Drake of Newton.
.. 13,	Christian Thoursse of Easton and Anna Youngqist, of No. Bridgewater
Mar, 17,	Hugh Gartens and Mary McNar, both of Easton.
Apr. 6,	Clarence B. Perry of Easton and Pamelia S. Copeland, of Raynham.
.. 8,	J. Albert Sexton of East Abington and F. Luella Willis, of Easton.
.. 12,	John Ervin and Agnes Beatty, both of Easton.
.. 24,	Timothy Twomey and Mary Lucy, both of Easton.
.. 28,	Hugh McAlear of Taunton and Margaret Quinn, of Easton.
May 10,	James D. Walker and Julia E. Jackson, both of Easton.
.. 18,	Solomon R. Foster and Caroline I. Groves, both of Easton.
June 1,	Wm. F. Shaw and Emma J. Delno, both of Easton.
.. 1,	Herbert C. Marshall of Easton and Myra E. Packard, of No. Bridge'wr.
.. 19,	Jones W. Godfrey of Norton and Ellen M. Williams, of Easton.
.. 21,	James T. Willis of N. Bridgewater and Charlotte L. Phillips, of Easton
July 2,	Daniel Kelleher and Julia McCarty, both of Easton.
.. 3,	Jesse J. Swan and Ellen M. Drake, both of Easton.
.. 3,	Leonard W. Church of Auburn, N.Y. and Jennie P. Lake, of Easton.
Aug. 9,	Andrew Peterson and Caroline Samuelsson, both of Easton.
.. 23,	Macy Record and Mary S. Heath, both of Easton.
.. 28,	Fred Simpson and Abbie L. Phillips, both of Easton.
Sept. 14,	Orville M. Tilden and Sarah F. Tinkham, both of Easton.
Oct. 16,	Alden B. Dunton and Cora B. Sanborn, both of Easton.
.. 21,	Michael Brown and Hannah Cronin, both of Easton.
.. 31,	Andrew C. Phillips of Easton and Martha L. Seaver, of Worcester.
Nov. 3,	Arthur S. Belcher of Foxboro and Susan B. Williams, of Easton.
.. 12,	John H. Davey of Easton and Jennie E. Briggs, of Dighton.
.. 15.	George W. Smith and Lizzie H. Thayer, both of Stoughton.
.. 26,	Frederic Packard and Josie Goward, both of Easton.
.. 26,	Joseph Mason and Maria N. Drew, both of Easton.
.. 27,	Wm. Taylor of Randolph and Edith A. Mills, of Easton.
Dec. 27,	Charles H. Eagan of W. Bridgewater and Jennie F. Clark, of Easton.

Deaths Registered in Easton during the Year 1873.

Date.	Name.	Years.	Mos.	Days.	Disease.
Jan. 2	Eliza M. Battles	71	10	21	Consumption.
" 3	Jeremiah Bonney	61	9	6	Paralysis.
" 13	Edward W. Dean	66	2	10	Congestion of Lungs.
" 16	Mary Ann Packard	66		16	Cancer of the Breast.
" 18	Willie Howard		1	5	Dropsy of Bowels.
" 23	Nathaniel S. Godfrey	75	5		Inflammation of the Bowels
" 26	Philip Danahy	28			Phthisis Pulmonales.
" 27	William McCarty	29	3		Consumption.
Feb. 10	Abigail W. Phillips	54	5	14	Purpura Hemorrhagia.
Mar. 12	Ellen Fitzgerald	70			Lung Fever.
" 13	Hannah Flaherty	59			Apoplexy.
" 20	John J. Degnan		1	4	Small Pox.
" 21	Susannah Drake	84	1		Old Age.
" 22	Martha Collins	3	3		Cerebro Spinal Meningitis.
" 27	Mary Clark		1	29	Congestion of the Lungs.
" 30	Edward Welch	28			Consumption.
Apr. 4	Cornelius Reardon	1	6		Disease of the Brain.
" 10	Johannah Healey	10			Cerebro Spinal Meningitis.
" 15	Ann Fagan	50			" " "
" 20	Alice Farrell			21	Convulsions.
" 20	George Blanchard		2		Inflammation of the Bowels.
" 24	Michael Cunningham		10	23	Cerebro Spinal Meningitis.
" 25	Louisa G. Shepard	16	10	10	" " " "
" 26	Francis E. Gilmore	36	5	13	Tumor on the Brain.
" 29	James Riley	4	9	2	Cerebro Spinal Meningitis.
" 29	Isaac Osgood	62	2	20	Consumption.
May 2	George A. Fitzpatrick	5	6		Scarlet Fever.
" 3	Mary Marshall	85	6	3	Bronchitis, Kidney Disease.
" 8	Oakes Ames	69	4	28	Diabetes and Apoplexy.
" 13	Mary Ellen Donahue			1	Inanition.
" 22	Caroline Drake	74			Pneumonia.
" 28	Mary Maloy	14			Cerebro Spinal Meningitis.
" 28	Mary Healy	13	11	17	" " "
June 1	Ann C. Linihan			1	Inanition.
" 1	Louisa Howard	71	1	13	Nervous Debility.
" 10	Lizzie Hamilton	6	4	6	Scarlet Fever.
" 14	Zebiah Willis	76	2	19	Paralysis of the Brain.
" 20	Dwelly Goward	72	3	6	Rheumatism, Dropsy.
" 24	Sarah D. Manley	48			Cancer.
July 4	Susan Kenedy	60			Disease of Liver.
" 6	Mary McCarty	29			Consumption.
" 13	William Ames	81	2	29	Heart Disease.
" 20	Hannah Donohue	4	10		Cerebro Spinal Meningitis.
" 23	William Maloy		2		Cholera Infantum.
" 23	Mary A. Quill		10		" "
" 27	Julia Crowley	85			Old Age, Heart Disease.
" 29	Mary Selee	36	10	6	Congestion of Lungs & Brain
" 31	Owen McGinty		5	20	Cholera Infantum.
Aug. 4	Jason W. Andrews	45	10	1	Injury—Pyemia.
" 9	Edith S. Ghen		4	27	Cholera Infantum.
" 13	Hugh Reddy		1	26	" "
" 13	Polly S. Randall	60	11	10	Jaundice.
" 14	Hugh Teddy		2		Cholera Infantum.
" 14	Rachel L. Reed	66	2	18	Dropsy.
" 18	Eleuthera F. Howard	58	9	4	

Date.	Name.	Years.	Mos.	Days.	Disease.
Aug. 24	Samuel A. Strout	56	10	18	Dysentery.
" 30	Nahum Williams	72	2	11	"
" 1	Susan S. Randall	65	5	8	"
Sept. 5	Sarah J. Bump	24			Typhoid Fever.
" 12	Jeremiah Wolston		11		Cholera Infantum.
" 19	Emeline Hervey	64	1	24	Consumption.
" 22	Julia Murray	52			Brain Disease.
" 27	George A. Pratt			¼	Inanition.
" 27	Jarvis Lothrop	74			Cancer of the Stomach.
" 28	Elizabeth Lyons		8		Cerebro Spinal Meningitis.
Oct. 5	Edgar G. Marshall	19	6	16	Meningitis, Typhoid Fever.
" 12	Anthony McGinty	16			Disease of the Brain.
" 13	James McEvoy	19	11	25	Consumption.
" 14	Herbert W. Wells		8	14	Cholera Infantum.
" 20	Patrick J. Costello		8	27	Teething.
Nov. 3	Mary Middleton	69			Kidney Disease.
" 4	Tommy Sheehan	1	9	3	Membranous Croup.
" 11	Marion A. Stone	33	7		Consumption.
" 18	Honora Gallowin	3	8	1	Convulsions.
" 19	Betsey Fuller	75	6	27	Debility of Old Age.
" 24	Cecelia Dwyer	53			Bright's Disease of Kidneys.
Dec. 5	John A. Henry	59	3		Consumption.
" 26	John Harlow	35			Diabetes.
" 30	Hugh F. Degnan	22	11	30	Consumption.

LIST OF JURORS AS MADE OUT BY THE SELECTMEN.

Julius B. Atwood,	Samuel K. Kelley,
Fredric A. Britton,	Eugene T. Lothrop,
Daniel W. Belcher,	James N. McKay,
Charles Carr,	Henry McArdle,
Daniel W. Dickerman,	Philip F. Packard,
John Q. Dickerman,	Manley Packard,
Abbot L. Drake,	John M. Pool,
John O. Dean,	George E. Quinn,
George F. Evans,	Benjamin A. Russell,
Levi Fitton,	Charles H. Reed,
Wm. H. Frost,	Timothy Remick,
Frank E. Goward,	Ramoth G. Randall,
Albert M. Hayward,	Asa C. Sisson,
Henry L. Howard,	Lucius D. Seaver,
Thaxter D. Hervey,	John M. Shepard,
Lucius Howard Jr.,	Luther Sisson,
Andrew Hamilton,	David B. Tinkham,
David Howard,	Hiram Williams,
Wm. Higginbottom,	Edw. D. Williams,
J. Preston Howard,	Charles J. Wade,
Charles E. Keith,	James Young.
Charles A. Knapp,	John R. Drake.

J. A. PRATT,
HIRAM WILLIAMS,
WM. C. HOWARD,
} Selectmen of Easton.

Copy of Warrant.

BRISTOL ss.—To Philander W. Fecto, Constable of the Town of Easton, in the County of Bristol, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Easton, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Easton, on the ninth day of March next, at one of the clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

1st.—To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

2nd.—To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

3rd.—To hear the Report of the Selectmen and act thereon.

4th.—To determine the manner of repairing the Highways, Townways, and Bridges the ensuing year.

5th.—To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriations of the same.

6th.—To see what action the Town will take in regard to building a new Almshouse.

7th.—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money for the purpose of erecting headstones, or other monuments at the graves of deceased soldiers and sailors, as provided in General Laws, Chap. 335, 1873.

8th.—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars for the use of Post 52, G. A. R. for the purpose of defraying expenses on Decoration Day.

9th.—To see if the Town will discontinue a piece of road near the house occupied by Seth Williamson.

10th.—To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

11th.—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money to pay the fare on the railroad, from Easton to North Easton, for such scholars as wish to attend the High School at North Easton.

12th.—To see if the Town will accept the List of Jurors as made out by the Selectmen.

13th.—To see if the town will allow Saml. B. Ripley seventy-five dollars for land taken in building the road near the residence of B. G. Blaisdell.

14th.—To see if the town will allow Morris D. Schindler any compensation for land taken in building the road by his residence.

15th.—To see if the town will allow Abijah Tisdale any further compensation for land damages and labor on Day Street, North Easton.

16th.—To see if the town will vote to have the School and financial year commence January 1st.

17th.—To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to have the Town Records copied and properly indexed, and make an appropriation therefor.

18th.—To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting houses in said town, seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands, this twenty-fifth day of February in the year one thousand, eight hundred and seqenty-four.

J. A. Pratt,
Hiram Williams,
Wm. C. Howard,
} Selectmen of Easton.